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Torres: Tax rebates out by month's end

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres assures taxpayers that delayed tax rebates for fiscal year 2018 should be out before Sept. 30, 2019, right before the start of fiscal year 2020.

In an interview yesterday, Torres said that pending income tax rebates will be distributed by batches definitely before Sept. 30, 2019.

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FIELD OF HEROES

Community, government officials, first responders, and law enforcement officers surround Gov. Ralph DLG Torres at the American Park theater after the proclamation of the week of Sept. 9 as Field of Heroes Recognition Week.

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Skymark still seeking OK for daily flights

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REPORTER

Skymark Airlines Inc. is still trying to obtain official regulatory approval to operate regular daily flights to Saipan, according to a Skymark official yesterday.

In response to *Saipan Tri-*

bune's request for information about Skymark's flights and plans to have direct flights,

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month**

John Furuya, Skymark International Flight Preparation Office assistant general manager, said in an email they are currently doing their best to get such approval so they can

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U-TOP: No comment on Managaha master concession

While it's the only remaining company that responded to a request for proposals to operate the Managaha exclusive concession area, U-TOP

(Saipan) Inc. is not ready yet to comment on upcoming negotiations with the Department of Public Lands.

U-TOP, a company with

links to one of the largest outbound tour and travel operators in Hong Kong, was one of two companies that responded

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'Harbored illegal alien child' takes witness stand

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A 15-year-old Chinese girl, who was taken to Saipan in

2013 when she was just 10 years old, could not help but burst into tears yesterday as the government witness in the trial of the woman who is be-

ing accused of harboring her as an illegal alien.

"I was 10 when I came here. I only spoke Chinese.

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Chief Prosecutor John Brad-

ley opposed the potential release of convicted murderer Shawn Appleby, saying that Appleby had already violated

'Appleby already broke parole'

a parole release back in 2014 and that he is not taking the parole process seriously.

Speaking in yesterday's CNMI Board of Parole meeting, Bradley cited police reports and court documents in pointing out that Appleby had robbed the victim's store without any pressing circumstances such as financial struggles, and used a gun to do it. "Until he dwells on that mistake, he will not make any progress as he escaped prison twice," Bradley said.

Citing Department of Corrections documents, Bradley said that Appleby assaulted an

inmate in 2007.

He recommended to the board to reject Appleby's parole application, saying Appleby needs to serve more time in prison.

Appleby is serving a 42-year prison sentence for the murder of Korean store owner Byung Ok Suh in November 1996, and two counts of escaping from prison.

Appleby had told the parole board that he intends to find work and reestablish his relationship with his children. "I believe that I have changed and every day I look at those prison walls, I always think

about the mistake that I have done and I can't take back the life that I have taken," Appleby told the board.

In officer Jeffrey Quitugua's testimony to the board, he said that Appleby is an active member of the DOC's Outreach Program, which teaches inmates skills such as carpentry, plumbing, electrical maneuvering, mechanics, and other skills.

"Although he has broken his parole back in 2014, I believe that he has matured into a better person, understanding that he was just immature at the time, and took the need to

better himself to see beyond the prison walls once again," Quitugua said.

Quitugua also informed the BOP that Appleby has worked with the other inmates to improve themselves and tries to be a role model for the other inmates. He also told the BOP that throughout his tenure of watching over Appleby, he has never encountered an issue with him while doing outreach.

Appleby's sponsor, Jeffrey Sablan, testified that he is aware of what it takes to become a parole sponsor.

"I have the discipline and understanding that I...plan to implement. ...If he does break

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Chamber meeting tackles 2020 census

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The CNMI Census Office did a presentation for the Saipan Chamber of Commerce last Wednesday to discuss specifics of the upcoming 2020 Census and what is being done now to prepare for it.

Commerce Secretary Mark Rabauliman and Central Statistics Division director Justin Andrew told Chamber mem-

bers how the census will be done and urged businesses to open their doors once enumeration begins, so it can help expedite the process.

Andrew also informed the Chamber that the CNMI will not be asking who is a U.S. citizen and who is not. He was told about this during his meeting with the U.S. Census Bureau.

The CNMI Census Office is currently headed by office

manager Claudio Norita. The office will be hosting job fairs on Rota and Tinian this month and on Saipan in October.

The office is mandated to complete hiring office staff by October; another requirement is to hire Saipan field staff and open Rota and Tinian field offices by December.

The office will be hiring a total of 625 full-time/part-time workers: 61 office workers and 564 field positions. Applicants should pass the screening process and a background

check by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The office was given a total of \$10.7 million to conduct the census and will be in operation until Jan. 31, 2021. A public outreach similar to the presentation will be conducted on a broader scale in January, and field enumeration is to begin in February 2020.

The office is to complete enumeration by June 30, 2020, and all data are to be shipped to Washington, D.C. by July 30, 2020.




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CUC ready to install smart meters on Tinian

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is ready to replace electric meters on Tinian with new smart meters to reduce losses arising from obsolete meters.

In her presentation to the CUC board last week, CUC accounts and financial manager Betty Terlaje said they are just working on data information before they could begin replacing all single-phase electromechanical meters of residential and government accounts with the new smart meters on the entire island.

This comes soon after CUC completed the first phase of the CNMI Smart Grid Project to modernize the electric grid and meet the evolving energy demands of customers in the CNMI.

Phase 1 of the project, which began in April 2019, was com-

pleted last June. Its target completion was last May. Phase 1 included inspections and installations of 1,056 Nighthawk AMI smart meters in Dandan.

July was supposed to be target start of Phase 2 on Tinian.

After Tinian, there is also a plan to bring the project to Rota, Terlaje said.

Among the minor issues that CUC encountered in the first phase of the project was that there are those who are uncomfortable about using online capable meters like the elderly. Many, however, changed their minds, Terlaje said, after learning that they won't need to wait in a long line at CUC to pay the cashier.

Other than a software issue, Terlaje assured that CUC is now ready for Phase 2 of the CNMI Smart Grid Project on the entire Tinian.

Phase 1 is the first of several phases. She said Dandan's

was a pilot program and that the decision was made to bring Phase 2 to Tinian after considering its distance to Saipan for troubleshooting issue and other factors like operations.

CUC executive director Gary P. Camacho said that, if there is any problem on Tinian, its proximity to Saipan would make it easier to access when they want to figure out those problems.

Camacho said the idea is also to bring the project to Rota so the people can just stay at home and load their meters and not have to drive all the way up to Sinapalo.

The smart meters are called Nighthawk Advanced Metering Infrastructure RDM 950/970.

Camacho said that CUC's Power Division is right now working with CUC's Billing Department to organize work orders for meter change

out services of all residential and government accounts on Tinian.

Once all MCO work orders are good to go, the Power Division will mobilize a team of meter inspectors to travel to Tinian and begin the field work necessary to complete the sec-

ond phase of the project.

Camacho informed the CUC board last July that the first phase was completed last June 14 as CUC efforts were diverted to Super Typhoon Yutu restoration efforts and work on the project only resumed last May.

The project is intended to eliminate the need for manual meter reading, reduce vehicle/fleet fuel use, and reduce manual disconnections and reconnections, among other benefits.

CUC currently has 3,000 Nighthawk AMI meters in its inventory.

Ketungu' Chamorro Project extended to youth centers

To facilitate language learning among the youth, the Indigenous Affairs Office has loaned laptops to the Youth Affairs Office that will be placed in youth centers for the implementation of the Ketungu' Chamorro Project, an online Chamorro learning resource available at www.mycnmi.com that is co-produced by the IAO.

Five episodes of the Ketungu' Chamorro Project are already available online. It is IAO's goal to bring the project closer to children.

"Extending the program to the youth centers is one of our goals, and this partner-

ship would increase participation among our youth," IAO resident executive Roman M. Tudela Jr. said.

Part of the agreement for the project is for the centers to have children view the episodes twice a week, or eight times a month.

Lessons include alphabets, vocabulary word comprehension, numbers from

1-100, everyday greetings, and sentence structure.

Instructors are from Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School in San Roque, Garapan Elementary School in Garapan, and William S. Reyes Elementary School in Chalan Kanoa.

IAO combined funds with the Northern Marianas Humanities Council to create the project. (Iva Maurin)

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IT&E has reaffirmed its commitment to the Micro-

nesia Islands Nature Alliance by joining this year's

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Funds from the event support MINA's ongoing pro-

Hans Mickelson and Janice Tenorio of IT&E join Dave Guerrero, MINA board member, MINA management, and rangers for the presentation of sponsorship.

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TORRES

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"Our income tax should be released in the next couple of weeks," he said, adding that it would be released "for sure."

"Hopefully, within the next month, everybody should get their [tax rebates]. If not, please check [for] deficiencies...so you can take care of those deficiencies."

Torres previously told *Saipan Tribune* that the issuance of the fiscal year 2018 tax rebates depended on how soon the Federal Emergency Management Agency reimburses the CNMI government for the expenses it incurred to rebuild the islands after Super Ty-

phoon Yutu in October 2018.

Torres clarified yesterday that the CNMI government has yet to receive the Super Typhoon Yutu reimbursements from FEMA. He did not specify a timeline on when the CNMI can expect to get those reimbursements and where the rebate money would come from.

"...Our general revenue and our costs had been used for Super Typhoon Yutu [recovery]," he stated. "...If we are not getting the [money for tax rebates] from [FEMA], then we are getting it elsewhere."

"We do have money from the Marianas Public Land Trust [fund] and other resources. Those resources that we have is to pay for [Super Typhoon ex-

pense costs]," he added.

When sought for clarification on the funding source of the tax rebate funding, Finance Secretary David Atalig said the money would come from FEMA reimbursements and Business Gross Revenue Tax collections.

"I am trying my best to release the tax refunds by end of the month," he told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday. "Source of funding would be FEMA reimbursements we are expecting soon and additional BGR tax collections."

Atalig previously told *Saipan Tribune* that the usual time for tax rebate distributions are at the end of May to early July. So far, the department had only distributed

several batches of the child tax rebates, which are federally funded.

The delay in the tax rebate distribution is being blamed on the expenses the CNMI government incurred to rehabilitate the islands after Yutu. The money in the tax rebate trust account—the special government account that sets aside funding for the tax rebate purposes—went to funding Super Typhoon Yutu recovery efforts, according to Atalig.

In all, the fiscal year 2018 tax rebates amount to a total of nearly \$21 million, \$11 million of which are child tax rebates. In fiscal year 2017, there was a total of \$26 million in total tax rebates, with over \$8 million in child tax rebates.

HARBORED

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Now I speak Chinese and English," said the girl, who burst into tears while on the witness stand in the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

There was a moment of silence in the courtroom. Division of Youth Services staff, who accompanied the girl, along with some others in the courtroom, were also visibly holding back their tears.

Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona, who is presiding over the retrial of Lili Zhang Tydingco, handed the girl some tissue paper.

The girl, who is not being identified here as part of *Saipan Tribune* policy not to identify minors, was among the prosecution's witnesses in the case against Tydingco, who is indicted with one count of harboring an illegal alien.

The girl said she first met Tydingco in China when she (Tydingco) and her husband

and their two children went there to pick her up in 2013.

She said her parents wanted her to come to Saipan to study and become a U.S. citizen.

She recalled that it was midnight when she arrived on the island, but that she could not understand the conversation with officers at the Saipan airport as she could not speak English.

The girl said she stayed at the Tydingco couple's house, where she had a room. At a later time, she said, her uncle, Rongxue Liu, also stayed with her in the room.

She said she studied at Dandan Elementary School and then at San Vicente Elementary School. She is now a 9th grade student at a school on the island.

The girl said she calls Tydingco auntie as well as some DYS staff.

She said she stayed at Tydingco's house for a year and a few months.

She said it took her a year to learn to speak English.

The girl has a brother, who is a U.S. citizen, having been born on Saipan. He is in China right now.

Homeland Security Investigation Task Force officer Jesse Dubrall, who was also called to the witness stand, stated in his report that the child's purported uncle, Liu, stated in an interview that he paid Lili Tydingco \$7,000 in exchange for helping him enter into a fake marriage and obtain a green card.

According to the superseding indictment, beginning Nov. 5, 2013, until Feb. 19, 2015, Tydingco concealed a child, who entered the CNMI and remained here in violation of the law.

The charge is based upon allegations that Lili Zhang Tydingco and her husband, Francisco Muna Tydingco, brought the minor child to Saipan in order for her to attend public school. Allegedly, the child's parole period expired while she was still in school.

A federal grand jury previ-

ously indicted Lili Tydingco and her husband for allegedly receiving money to harbor two illegal Chinese aliens, including the child they enrolled at a public school.

In June 2016, a federal court jury found Lili Tydingco guilty of one count of harboring an illegal alien and Francisco Tydingco guilty of aiding and abetting the harboring.

In December 2016, Lili Tydingco was sentenced to 10 months' imprisonment, while Francisco Tydingco was sentenced to a 21-month imprisonment term. Both were given credit for time served.

The Tydingcos appealed. In 2018, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit reversed their convictions and remanded the case to the District Court for a new trial.

The U.S. government subsequently dropped the case against Francisco Tydingco.

Assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe is prosecuting the case. Defense counsel is Bruce Berline.

grams, such as marine debris prevention, watershed surveillance by the Tasi Watch Rangers, and reforestation, to name a few.

This year's Green Gala is scheduled for Sept. 13, 2019, at the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

IT&E's Green Gala sponsorship is another affirmation of the company's commitment to the environment. In addition to their participation in the event each year, IT&E is also an annual Adopt-a-Bin sponsor as designates MINA as a beneficiary of its annual ITE/IPE golf tournament.

Rose Soledad, IT&E general manager, said, "Environmental sustainability is an essential part of our commitment to the community, and we're proud to partner with MINA to advance this mission. We hope that as one, we can protect our environment while also bringing awareness to the need for conservation."

This year's Green Gala has a Bring Back our Trees theme, and is replete with entertainment, buffet dinner, bottle service and a no-host bar, a silent auction and raffle prizes. (PR)

SKYMARK

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have their "regular operation" at the soonest.

Furuya did not elaborate.

The Federal Aviation Administration regulates all flights to and from the United States and its territories.

Furuya did disclose that, for this September, Skymark Airlines will be having three inbound flights from Narita, Japan, on Sept. 20, 21, and 22. The three outbound flights from Saipan will be on Sept.

23, 24, and 25.

Furuya said he attended an operational meeting on Saipan last month and visited the island last week with their sales and marketing team.

Last August, Skymark Airlines had six inbound flights from Narita, Japan, and six outbound flights from Saipan.

Last March 22, Skymark made a historic touchdown on Saipan with a chartered B737-800 plane carrying 173 passengers, making it the first Japanese carrier to fly directly to Saipan since Japan Airlines withdrew from the CNMI in 2005.

MANAGAHA

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to the June 2018 request for proposals from DPL to operate the Managaha exclusive concession area.

Tasi Tours, which has managed concession services for over 20 years, did not submit a proposal.

Tasi Tours has been operating on a month-to-month basis since August 2016, when its original lease expired.

A U-TOP spokesman said the company will soon share more details about its plans to work with DPL and the outgoing concessionaire.

Managaha is one of the most popular tourist attractions in the Marianas, known for its crystal-clear waters and white sand. The island saw close to 300,000 visitors in 2013 alone.

Under the concession agreement, DPL grants the master concessionaire the right, privilege, and duty to operate and maintain a vibrant exclusive concession. The agreement also calls for upgrades on facilities and improvement to the feel of the island. It also requires lifeguard coverage

throughout the island. Currently, lifeguards monitor only one area of the island—the designated swim zone.

Over the past 18 months, U-TOP has worked with community organizations to map out specific activities aimed at enhancing the cultural and historical aspects of Managaha and, at the same time, increase environmental measures throughout the concession operations.

To that end, U-TOP and partners are in the process of executing a memorandum of understanding that will assist in defining supportive and mutually beneficial roles of all parties.

According to U-TOP, "Our proposal to DPL outlined our intent to engage with community partners to promote, preserve and protect Managaha, as we recognize the island's significance not only in economic terms for the CNMI, but environmentally, culturally and historically for future generations. We respect that and are excited to embark on a multi-faceted community partnership, and look forward to a final favorable response from the CNMI government to the agreement." (PR)

APPLEBY

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the rules, I will immediately contact the authorities to bring him back," Sablan said.

Ignacio Mendiola, the Rota member on the parole board, said that Appleby may have changed in the

past five years but the board also has to consider the fact that he escaped prison twice and that he revoked his first parole.

No decision has been made on Appleby's case as of press time, as the board will continue to deliberate on Appleby and five other parole cases today.

Torres: Report fake FB account

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres warned the public late Wednesday evening that fake accounts on social media that pretend to be him are circulating online and that this matter has already been reported to federal and local authorities.

In a notice he posted on his official Facebook account, Torres said these sham social media accounts have been messaging people and posing as the governor.

"Let me set the record straight. I rarely message people via Facebook Messenger. If you have received a message from a fake account that is not coming from this account, 'Ralph DLG Torres,' please report that account to Facebook. Federal and local law enforcement [has] been notified and will prosecute individuals caught doing this," he said in the notice.

He noted that his official Facebook profile was specifically created to share announcements, policy initiatives, and updates on the Commonwealth.

"...I don't have the time to post on Facebook every hour like some people who have more time on their hands," he added. "...I use it intentionally with a focus on inspiring and encouraging everyone in our tightly-knit community, *manhoben* to *man'amko*, to be a part of the solution and to create more progress for our community. I use social media to make positive friendships and genuine connections with people who have helped me be a better governor."

The fake profiles that use the governor's name and photo either use "Ralph Torres" or "Ralph Deleon Guerrero Torres" as their usernames, according to Torres' post. In a search for posts pertaining to reported contacts made from the fake accounts, they appear to have already been deleted.

Torres said his only focus right now "is to fix our finances, continue our recovery from Super Typhoon Yutu, get us out of austerity, release our tax rebate and remaining child tax checks soon, and replenish the funding for [the] Public School System, Northern Marianas College, Commonwealth Health Care Corp., Marianas Visitors Authority, and the rest of our departments and agencies."

"I'm not interested in campaigning and politics right now," he added. (Erwin Encinares)

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Field of Heroes honors NMI's first responders

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Being located in what is known as the "typhoon alley" in the Pacific, the CNMI is heavily dependent on the services of first responders and nowhere was this more evident than during the onslaught of Super Typhoon Yutu last year.

This lifesaving role of the Commonwealth's first responders and law enforcers were the highlight of yesterday's signing of the proclamation that declared the week of Sept. 9 as Field of Heroes Recognition Week.

Although initially intended to remember the victims of the terror attacks in New York City on Sept. 11, 2001, the hundreds of emergency responders, and the families who lost loved ones in the devastating events of that day, the Field of Heroes event has evolved to also honor the CNMI's local heroes—veterans, military men and women, first responders, and law enforcement officers.

Upon signing the proclamation, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres acknowledged that Sept. 11, 2001, changed all lives in the



Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signs the proclamation declaring the week of Sept. 9 as Field of Heroes Recognition Week.

IVA MAURIN

CNMI, changed national security, and, with the mass shootings happening across the nation, it is even more important that law enforcement and first responders work together.

"Here on our islands, as peaceful as it is, I'm afraid that it's a matter of time before some-

thing happens," Torres said.

Calamities like Yutu, where first responders, police officers, firefighters, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the U.S. Department of Defense joined forces to help rebuild the island, served as a testament to the importance of

that collaboration.

Jerry Tan, chief executive officer of TanHoldings, the corporate arm of the Tan Siu Lin Foundation, which started Field of Heroes, recalled how impactful first responders were in the island's Yutu recovery.

"We don't need to remind

people the importance of what our first responders are doing for the community every day," Tan said. "Post-typhoon, they are out 24/7. Even into the evening, when there was no power, they were still out there, protecting us and trying to help us to recover."

As part of the "2019 We Will Never Forget: Field of Heroes" ceremony, United States flags will be on display at the American Memorial Park on Saipan from Sept. 8 to 16, the Veterans Memorial Park on Tinian from Sept. 2 to 18; and at the Corporal Joe G. Charfauros Jr. Rota Veterans Memorial Park on Rota from Sept. 6 to 12.

Those who would want to donate will receive or have a 3'x5' flag flown to honor whoever they want. Donations may be dropped off at Shirley's Coffee Shop in Garapan or Susupe, the Tan Siu Lin Foundation office at the second floor of the JP Center on Beach Road, the mayor's offices on Tinian and Rota, and at the Hotel Valentino's front desk on Rota.

Net proceeds from the event will go to the Northern Marianas Humanities Council to support programs that help community heroes and their families.

Torres confident in meeting budget deadline

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REPORTER

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres remains confident that there would be no government shutdown in fiscal year 2020, even if the CNMI Legislature has yet to pass a budget bill with only 24 days remaining on the clock.

When asked yesterday if he is concerned about the timeline for the review and enactment of the budget, he replied, "No, absolutely not."

When asked if the bill would be enacted on time to avert a government shutdown, he said, "Most definitely."

As of publication, the House of Representatives is

still reviewing the version of the budget that the Senate recently passed. The House is scheduled to meet in session today.

House Speaker Blas Jonathan "B.J." Attao (R-Saipan) confirmed that the House will be entertaining the budget. "We will be in session at 2pm [today]," Attao said. "We are

going to entertain the budget, whether to accept or reject [the Senate amendments]."

"I am not going to say we aren't going into conference committee, but a lot in the House version of the budget was maintained," he noted. "We had a couple of meetings, but we will meet...before the session to make our final decision."

Miss Marianas pushes language learning among youth

2019 Miss Marianas Shannon Sasamoto has been tapped by the Office of the Governor's Youth Affairs Office to advance cultural preservation through language among the CNMI's youth.

Sasamoto, who admits that she needs to be more fluent in the indigenous languages, said it is of her personal interest to learn her own language. The CNMI's two indigenous languages are Chamorro and Carolinian.

"I feel that a lot of people my age...can relate with me. I'm someone that does not know my language fluently but I appreciate my culture to the utmost but, of course, it's a different level when you know your own language," she said. "It's never too late to learn our native language."

Youth Affairs special assistant Monique Sablan said it would be proper to have Miss Marianas be able to speak the indigenous languages.

The Youth Affairs Office provides avenues for youth to learn about the islands' culture through its Gualo Rai Youth Learning Center and Chalan Kanoa Manhoben Center. They will also be opening the San Vicente Youth Learning Center early next year. (Iva Maurin)

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Ancient shells stolen from HPO

Three ancient shells under the care of the Historic Preservation Office and considered priceless have been stolen.

The CNMI Department of Public Safety received the 911 call reporting the theft incident on Thursday, Aug. 8, at approximately 2pm.

According to a police statement yesterday,

Police officers met with the caller, who is an HPO employee on Capitol Hill, who told them that the three ancient shells were missing from a selection that was due for repair.

The employee stated that the shells had been placed on a table while awaiting an individual to repair some parts of the shells. Since the individual was not able to come in, the employee began to put the shells back in their assigned location for safekeeping. When the inventory was found to be three shells short, the employee called 911 for police assistance.

It was also mentioned that the shells were discovered at an archaeological site in Garapan in 1994. Given the historical value, the shells are considered priceless.

This case remains ongoing and the public's help is being sought in the matter. If you have any information on the whereabouts of the shells,



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Photos show part of the collection of ancient shells under the care of the Historic Preservation Office.

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Calling for NOMINATIONS

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council is accepting nominations for the 2019 Governor's Humanities Awards.

This event, held annually in October as a part of CNMI Humanities Month, recognizes outstanding contributions to the humanities by individuals and organizations in the community.

Nominees should have a notable humanities achievement in the past year, as demonstrated in any of the following four categories:

- Research and Publication in the Humanities;
- Preservation of Traditional Cultural Practices;
- Preservation of CNMI History; and
- Outstanding Humanities Teacher (in both classroom and non-classroom settings).

A fifth category, Lifetime Achievement, recognizes significant contributions to the humanities over multiple decades. The award may be given posthumously. The nomination form and instructions can be downloaded at www.nmhccouncil.org. Paper copies are available at the council's office in the Springs Plaza Building, Gualo Rai. Nominations may be made by any member of the general public and are due no later than 4:00 pm on Friday October 11, 2019.

Awards will be presented at a special ceremony in October (time, date and venue to be announced). For more information, contact council staff at 235-4785 or 235-4787.

CNMI to get \$630.5K for opioid crisis

The CNMI will be receiving \$630,500 from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, or SAMHSA, that will be used to combat the opioid crisis.

This forms part of the \$932 million SAMHSA has awarded to U.S. states and territories as State Opioid Response grant funding.

Guam, the Federated States of Micronesia, American Samoa, and the U.S. Virgin Islands will also be getting the same amount of \$630,500 each.

In the CNMI, the Substance Abuse and Rehabilita-

tion Program is led by special assistant for SAAR Yvette Sablan. Those who wish to seek rehabilitation treatment are housed at the Hinemlu O'hala Para Enteramenti, or HOPE, rehabilitation center in Marpi.

"We know that far too few people who need treatment are pursuing it, and we want to change," said Dr. Elinor F. McCance-Katz, the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use and head of SAMHSA. "I have been very impressed with the innovation of the states and look forward to the continued col-

laboration at the federal and state levels to advance the use of medication-assisted treatment and much-needed access to care."

Obtain treatment resources at SAMHSA's site www.findtreatment.samhsa.gov or by calling SAMHSA's national hotline at 1-800-662-HELP (4357).

Individual states' awards can be viewed at <http://bit.ly/2lzsMvR>.

More information on the SAMHSA work to combat the opioid crisis can be viewed at www.hhs.gov/opioids. (Marc A. Venus)

A CELEBRATION OF LOCAL ART

'First Friday' at Marianas Creations

To promote local artists and kick off what is being planned as a once-a-month activity, Marianas Creations will host the first of its "First Friday" series today, Sept. 6, at its location on Micro Beach Road, from 5pm to 9pm.

It will feature local artists and their art, and will give the community a chance to view the art of the Marianas. Several artists, such as Greg Elliott, David Butterfield, Jose Quan, and others, will be there to discuss their work.

In addition to art, Cristianos Saipan, a popular local food truck serving East Coast fla-

vors, will be on-site with their regular menu of cheesesteaks, quesadilla, nachos, and more, along with a special First Friday offering. Marianas Creations will also be serving local drinks, including beer from Saipan Brewing Co., handcrafted cocktails, coffee, and locally produced fruit sodas.

"This First Friday event will be a chance for [residents] and tourists to view local art and discuss it with the artists. We will also be introducing our café, bar, and shop to people and showcasing the local products we offer," said Elina Gharti Chhetri, owner of Marianas

Creations. "Marianas Creations will be hosting similar First Friday events each month."

The "First Friday" concept is a popular event series hosted in cities around the world. Typically, the events focus on promoting local art and culture.

Marianas Creations is currently soliciting for artists interested in showcasing their work to contact the shop. Additionally, they are seeking anyone who produces local products to contact the shop.

Marianas Creations is located next to Everest Kitchen and Bridge Capital LLC on Micro Beach Road. They can be reached on Facebook, Instagram, by phone 488-1924, or email sales@marianascrations.com. (PR)



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-19-014, Rev.1

SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF PRIMARY SCREEN, GRIT & FOG REMOVAL EQUIPMENT

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified vendors for the supply and delivery of Primary Screen, Grit and Fog Removal Equipment for the Sadog Tasi Wastewater Treatment Plant at CUC Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and scope-of-work will be emailed to all registered prospective proposers email ID. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Proposal Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety.

One (1) original and four (4) hard copies, must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-19-014, Rev.1, Supply and Delivery of Primary Screen, Grit and Fog Removal Equipment for the Sadog Tasi Wastewater Treatment Plant, Saipan" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **September 16, 2019 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 23, 2019** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator at email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Westen Knudsen, P.E., Senior Engineer for Water/Wastewater at email address westen.knudsen@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrative Technician, Senior at email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

WILLIAM GILMORE
Acting, Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN, JR.
Purchasing Administrator



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-19-025

ROTA WATER CAVE ENCLOSURE

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of Rota Water Cave Enclosure in Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists of the installation of a new concrete CMU block wall enclosure, screened aluminum doors, drain pipes, fencing upgrades; and other related work. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the water system.

This project is funded by a grant from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Public Law 20-61.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **180 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **August 30, 2019 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Rota Directors Office, Sinapalo, Rota.

One (1) Original and Five (5) Hard Copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-19-025, Rota Water Cave Enclosure", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on September 19, 2019**. Bid Submissions will be publicly opened and read aloud at 10:15 AM (ChST) the same day. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing **no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on September 3, 2019** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Edgar Tuazon, Water Division, Jr. Engineer via email address edgar.tuazon@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, CUC P&S, Purchasing Technician, Senior via email address christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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Acting, Executive Director

MANNY BOYER SABLAN
Purchasing Administrator

Transfer stations to be built in Kagman, As Gonno in FY 2020

Two transfer stations will be built in Kagman and As Gonno-Koblerville, making it more convenient for residents in these areas to bring their solid waste.

In a notice yesterday, the Department of Public Works' Solid Waste Management Division said the project will start construction in the first quarter of 2020 and will be up for operation beginning January 2021.

Each facility will be approximately 260 feet by 500 feet and shall consist of an office, small truck scale, roll-off container storage yard, recycling building, ponding basin, a septic tank/leaching field, oil-water separator and small generator for the truck scale.

According to Public Works Secretary James A. Ada, the stations would be operated by DPW-SWMD and would include ancillary activities, including waste separation of recyclables.

"Non-recycle waste and certain other waste will be regularly hauled by DPW to the landfill area. Recyclables and certain waste would be stored temporarily and transported to the transfer station in Lower Base, Ada said.

DPW-SWMD will create an incentive program to encourage the community to separate

recyclables.

The Kagman station will serve an estimated population of 5,000 for the villages of Kagman, Papago, and As Teo, while As Gonno will serve an estimated population of 20,000 from the villages of Fina Sisu, Kannat Tabla, Koblerville, San Antonio, San Jose, San Vicente, Tottotville, Dandan, and Chalan Kanoa. The northern part of the island will be served by the Lower Base transfer station.

Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios, who as a senator was the author of Public Law 19-52 that created the new Kagman and As Gonno transfer stations, noted that this will reduce illegal dumping and littering on Saipan.

"Considering the prevalent illegal dumping that continues to plague our community, it is of utmost urgency that we expedite the implementation of this act and operation of the much-needed transfer station facilities. It is long overdue and finally it will be a reality and I extend my appreciation to Secretary Ada and the engineers of DPW, as well as the Zoning board for considering and approving the rezoning of Kagman property for this purpose," Palacios said.

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He said the requirements that affect the construction of the transfer stations, as well as deadlines to conduct a feasibility study and the identification, selection, and conveyance of public lands for the sites of the transfer stations, was an enormous undertaking to ensure construction of both stations in the first quarter of fiscal year 2020.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said the signing of Public Law 19-52 initiated these additional solid waste transfer stations for the southern parts of Saipan and for Kagman.

"During his time in the Senate...Palacios saw the need to reduce illegal dumping and improper disposal of hazardous waste in our villages and many constituents in the southern part of Saipan expressed this issue. Littering has been a prevalent issue, and our administration is doing our part to... reduce this trend and ultimately keep our islands clean. We commend DPW and [Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality] for their diligence in performing a feasibility study and complying with applicable environmental laws and regulations," Torres said. (PR)

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Right answer: SAT results will come with context about a student's path' but no 'adversity score.'

The nonprofit that administers the SAT test to 2 million students each year has axed its nascent "adversity score," a clumsy attempt to distill the possible socioeconomic hardships and challenges of a student's background into a single neat and tidy number. Good call.

The College Board adversity score, which would have been presented alongside a student's test results in reports to prospective colleges, drew resistance since it made news in May. We were among the critics, noting the factors considered were too general to be attached to a student whose own specific circumstances were not taken directly into account. Demographic data including poverty and crime rates and other factors relating to a student's environment would have been brewed, too simply, into an "overall disadvantage level" between 1 and 100.

The system lacked transparency. Not every metric that would be used was explained. Students and parents would not be made aware of the ultimate score that was applied to the child behind the scenes.

As we wrote previously, the whole exercise smacked of false precision, suggesting that each student's nonacademic background, measured by no personal data whatsoever, could be number-crunched into trustworthy insight.

David Coleman, CEO of the College Board, acknowledges that the approach was an overreach and says some people wrongly worried the tool would alter the student's SAT results. "The idea of a single score was wrong," he says, according to The Associated Press. "It was confusing and created the misperception that the indicators are specific to an individual student."

The board hasn't given up on helping schools assess applicants' fortitude, a worthy goal as part of the bundle of information colleges consider about prospective students. It says something about a kid if she or he had to hustle up the stairs while others took the elevator.

A dashboard called Landscape will be supplied with test scores and will present much of the same context about where a student lived and went to school, without attempting to wrench those data points into a single figure in a way that implies an unwarranted stamp of definitiveness. Admissions officers still will have tools to gauge how much students have overcome in the years before they sat down to take the widely used test.

With well-off parents finding all kinds of ways to give their kids an edge in the admissions process—from nurturing and academic preparation to scandalous schemes and illegal bribes—universities need ways to identify those smart, persistent teens who did more with less. Ask anyone in education: A single score won't tell the full story.

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Windy, with a chance of bribes

Zoning by law or by special interest

The Zoning Law of 2013 has provisions for rezoning areas as needed. A lot, for example, that is surrounded by commercial zoning but is zoned for residential or rural (probably an oversight) can be rezoned by a request from the owner if the Zoning board approves at a public hearing. There are many other conditions and unusual circumstances that might warrant a rezoning hearing. That is a reasonable way to make sure no property is improperly zoned for its highest appropriate use and gives everyone a chance to speak out in favor or in opposition in a public forum.

One thing that is absolutely prohibited is "spot zoning." That is where the property example above is a residential lot surrounded by other residential lots and its owner wants to open a business and wants the lot rezoned as commercial. You can see the problem with that. So the Zoning office would not even set a hearing for a spot zoning hearing. Now suppose the owner has some special influence and calls up one of his legislator buddies to get the job done under the table.

It happens, yes it does. A legislator, swayed by the special interest of one person, can legislatively change the zoning of that one lot. This is so blatant a corruption of the intended use of the Legislature's power that I don't need to belabor the point. Sadly, it happens all too often. Here is a case where the rule of law is corrupted by the very institution that makes the laws.

Here is an example: a couple of years ago a woman wanted to open a business in CK. It was a business not allowed according to the zoning law. Every single neighbor within 300 feet (100 yards) was notified. All of them protested, saying this business was wrong for the neighborhood including other businesses that said having that kind of business was bad for everybody's business. The woman was specially connected, she got a legislator to introduce a bill that spot zoned and allowed that obviously incompatible use in this village commercial area from which it was originally banned. At the Zoning hearing the sponsor of the bill and the guy from Guam selling the equipment to the woman were in favor of allowing it. Most everyone else was against it, including all the residential and commercial neighbors. She got her way and that business is up and running to this day. Law be damned, neighbors be damned. What the neighbors get, other than the shaft, is the fumes.

Want another example? Last week a legislator sent an official communication to the Zoning board asking them to fully support putting a moratorium on all B&Bs that would apply in the future, thus not allowing any new ones, no matter how good or bad. The lawmaker did not know the law in this instance because it forbids the Zoning Office or Zoning board from making any such moratorium. That would have to be a legislative function. The

SOUR GRAPES

By **BRUCE A. BATEMAN**

Special to the Saipan Tribune



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fact that the good folks over at Finance and Commerce haven't gotten around to finding all the guest house/B&B cheaters that don't pay their taxes does not make it reasonable or legal for zoning to stop hearing license applications. They should go find 'em and collect those taxes with penalties and look forward to new ones that will bring revenue that will pay their salaries.

Ready for the punchline? The Zoning office only got two official communications last month. The one mentioned above looking to outlaw new B&Bs and one from a legislator asking Zoning's support for a spot zoning law he wants to pass to allow (you guessed it) a B&B to be put in a Garapan area where it was illegal and he wants to rezone that lot by legislation so the new B&B can start business right away. By now you've guessed again that it is the *same* legislator who wrote both letters. Hahahhahah. Everybody at that meeting either broke up or hid their face and broke up behind their hand. I laughed out loud.

So what's so wrong about legislative spot zoning? Because the motives to act against the law by enacting a law that overrides it for just one self-interested owner are hard to pin down. Did the legislator owe that person a favor? Did that person have something on the legislator? Did he just out and out take a bribe under the table for the "favor"? Was he just being a nice guy? Who knows? At the very best, it looks, smells and acts like collusion for profit. At its very worst, it is actually true and the specially-favored person and the legislator whose palm was greased needs to be in the Iron Bar Motel for a while. Most legislators would never think of doing such a thing, but there are a few who will.

Russian visa waiver gone with the wind

The Department of Homeland Security secretary signed it into being with the flip of a pen and he/she can sign it away for any reason or no reason. It's called "executive fiat"—sort of like a Lancia, but a lot cheaper.

See **WINDY** on Next Page

Hardship in paradise

Poverty hurts everyone who's affected. It reflects the scarcity of financial wherewithal to support the basic needs of the people.

It is a situational challenge where you learn to muddle through the thick walls of poverty. It means you go through the day beaten intellectually with nothing to hold on to except suspect hope. You reset buttons to move on.

It's a no-win situation where you quickly learn how to survive. Imagine faucet water for breakfast, going to class without school supplies, rags to cover yourself, and a sense of helplessness most of the day knowing you'd head home after school for more faucet water.

The hardship on families was prompted by the shift from subsistence living to jobs in both public and private sectors. Unfortunately, jobs disappeared when the Navy left here in the early '60s. It also reduced salaries from \$.75 an hour to \$.16 an hour.

It meant a return to farming and fishing to supplement family dietary and other basic needs. It was a near complete reversal to original subsistence lifestyle. It was devastating for many families reworking scarcity amidst mounting obligations.

It was further severed by the obvious lack of a decent economy that supported family wellbeing. It's basically loose subsistence that has no purpose or goal other than serve as an empty "cover." In ignorance we embraced what was handed down to us where at best, we started second-guessing our future.

Amidst the imposition our elderly struggled to make sense of it—our proven ways and the new way—immediately after leaving Japanese impositions. Unimaginable the task to understand the shifting ground where they're supposed to stand firmly as they guide family wellbeing in these isles. Disorienting!

After several impositions, e.g., Spanish, Germans, and Japanese, the indigenous people learned to follow along for purposes of survival. Perhaps it relied on the fact that these isles were indigenous-owned, therefore we would survive come what may. And we did!

We finally were given the opportunity in 1972 to decide our fate. In 1978, we took over self-rule that steadily emplaced constructive policies for our developmental growth. Today, it's all a matter of policy refinement with domestic dispositions.

Our mini-tourism and other pertinent sectors have provided the economic cushion that we have today. A lot of work remains in their refinements. It's all a matter of time under the umbrella of self-government that takes a process to attain political maturity.

Poor

Like I noted earlier, I've lived in abject poverty a long time ago. Ever had to drink faucet water for breakfast? Ever munched on boiled banana you force down with faucet water? Ever cut class Christmas parties because you can't afford \$0.25 cents?

It's an experience poor kids endure who hail from homes where abject poverty is a daily reality. We made with what little we had with nothing but suspect hope in our hearts for a brighter break of dawn.

You may make a mockery how cheap twenty-five-cents may be. But it buys a can of mackerel that feeds the entire family!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

JKPL presentation

For those who may be interested, I will be giving a presentation at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library on Saturday morning at 10am on America's use of atomic bombs in World War II, how the island of Tinian was critical in that effort, and what it meant, in the long run, to the people of the CNMI. There will be a slide show and copies of my book, *Tinian and The Bomb*, will be available for sale.

Don A. Farrell

Marpo Heights, Tinian

WINDY

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The visa waiver or "parole in place" process meant that Russian citizens no longer had to travel long distances to apply for a visa, go back again to be interviewed and finally get a visa to come to the CNMI for a vacation. There are only three offices in all of Russia to get that visa. Few came. With the ability to travel without the hassle and cost of getting a visa, thousands came. Then direct charter flights were organized and we were on our way to see 20,000 Russian visitors annually when the bottom

Wasn't ready to sacrifice my brothers' wellbeing for a tuna sandwich class X-mas party. Cooking a can of mackerel with pumpkin tips is one grand dinner for the family.

Those hard days ended in 1968. How interesting, though, that to this day I still hear lyrics to a song that says, "those were the days my friend I thought would never end..." Memories of yesteryears!

Assistance

Be that as it may, it's good that there are federally funded programs to help families meet dietary needs. Some housing assistance has also been extended to those in dire need of shelter over their heads.

The federal rate for poverty level wages and salaries is between \$15K and \$42K per year. Most employees here fall within the \$15K to \$18K income category.

It's a difficult issue when measured against the cost of basic needs that race ahead of mini-incremental salary hikes. How do we resolve this issue? Did someone say "leadership?" Or did they mean "followership?"

Hopwood collapse final perhaps

This is a response to Rep. Tina Sablan's outcry and outreach to try and solve or resolve the CNMI Public School System crisis.

Thank you, Rep. Tina Sablan. I hope the entire CNMI will get a chance to read your eloquent plea to remedy the ongoing crisis in our CNMI public schools. Readers can find it online in the Sept. 3, 2019, *Saipan Tribune*, 'Students Last: How We Are Failing Our Public Schools.'

Here are some specific comments about the Admiral Herbert J. Hopwood Middle School. The physical site is neither a safe nor practical site for a public school.

I taught for more than 10 years at Hopwood. I was moved to different classrooms each year for more than six of those years. One of the last classrooms I taught in was a converted outdoor stage. After a typhoon part of the ceiling collapsed and was hanging into the classroom. I was told not to touch it and that someone would fix it. The false ceiling remained hanging there into a leaking classroom for more than six months, the rest of the school year! The students sat in the half of the converted stage "classroom" that was not damaged. I bought paint, rollers, brushes with my own money and painted every classroom I was moved into. In many cases the walls and window louvers were collapsing from being eaten by termites. They had been painted over and covered up year after year.

This was all prior to 2005. At that time the entire campus should have been demolished and the students moved into a safe school. In 2005 the school had a crumbling infrastructure. It was antiquated, overcrowded, and needed to be moved from the site. Costly band aid aesthetic cover ups did little to alleviate the overall massive infrastructural problems that the school faced and now faces. Yet here we are 14 years later.

My suggestion for the Hopwood campus is lease it to the highest paying investor from China, Japan, or Korea. They must pay the annual amount agreed upon during the length of time it takes them to build a new school campus elsewhere with separate funds from their own sources. Half a golf course or one of the former (zombie hotel hells) garment factories might be possible locations for a new campus. Perhaps two smaller satellite campuses could be built instead of one large campus? This would allow more students to walk to a neighborhood school. Certainly a demographic study could be made to ascertain a new location and the practical size of a school in the area. The investors could build one of them. Investors could not begin groundbreaking for their new development until students enter a new school, which investors paid for and had built. They may demolish the present Hopwood campus and assemble building supplies there during the interim.

Hopwood is a perfect location for a seaside resort. However,

dropped out of the Russian economy and the ruble was worth a third as many dollars as before. Travel agencies and airlines went under and the CNMI Russian tourism industry went from boom to bust in under a year.

We should be happy it lasted as long as it did. Russian tourists stay long and spend a lot and they are nice people. That's good for the industry and good for the CNMI's bottom line. They love our clean air and water and know they are just a few hours away from a nice warm climate when they are freezing at home. Sadly, only a few will come again now. We will welcome every one of them.

We better hope the Chinese DHS parole/visa waiver doesn't

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune

John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands. All views expressed by the author are his/her own and do not necessarily reflect the opinion and stance of the Saipan Tribune.



Subsistence

The answer is in our reliance on traditional lifestyle of farming and fishing. We had our share of walking to and from the family farm in As Perdido and dipping our heads along the shores of Lali Fo'. Yes, I remember pocketing a tiny fish and cooked it for dinner. At least it wasn't rice and faucet water.

We collect firewood and hauled it home in order to ensure meals are cooked. They were difficult days the path turned gold when we last look back into fond memories of yesteryears.

By JOEY CONNOLLY

Special to the Saipan Tribune

Joey "Pepé Batbon" Connolly is a retired public school teacher who lives on Tinian. He was recently named poet laureate by the Tinian municipal government.



the beach was a nightmare for distracting students from school. Young people used to come down the beach and deliver drugs and alcohol to students during class time, break, and lunchtime. We had students walking around drunk by 10 o'clock in the morning. The dealers, drunkards, and stoned to the boners were there before, during, and after school. They just walked away up or down the beach when security was near. This happened *before* there was a chain link fence and *after*. I was there and witnessed it. Typhoons took out the fence year after year. Students dug holes under the fence in soft pine needles within two months of its first appearance. Students and outsiders passed alcohol, drugs and contraband through the fence or over it. Backpacks were stolen inside campus and thrown over the fence to waiting hands. The recipients then calmly walked away. I saw students and outsiders surmount the wall with a running start when they were running from security guards. Anyone on the beach could walk away from security with no need to run since the beach is public. This ease of access is a security breach that will *not* change as long as the school remains at the beach site.

The geographic locale, proximity to the lagoon and beach, and subsequent damage resultant from tsunamis, typhoons, and wave damage is *not* going to change with a new school built on the same location. It is neither a wise nor safe location for a school of any kind.

Despite this negative picture and in all fairness to Hopwood Jr. Middle School, it was still a great school. A large majority of the students were learning daily. There were many dedicated hard-working teachers there to help them. It had many devoted and concerned administrators and office staff who did the best they could with an outdated, overcrowded, moldy, termite-ridden, crumbling campus.

Thank you to all my HJHS students (over 1,500), my hard-working teaching colleagues, and our overworked and overburdened with multiple problems principals. Señora Lourdes Mendiola and Dr. David Borja each did a yeoman's job while they were principals at Hopwood. Kudos to them.

But the Hopwood site on Beach Road should *not* be rebuilt as a school.

disappear too. China has become our No. 1 market this fiscal year. Its loss would devastate what remains of the economy here in the CNMI as nearly half of all the tourists that come here are now from China.

Thanks for reading Sour Grapes!

We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office.






—Aesop

Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry and narrow-mindedness.

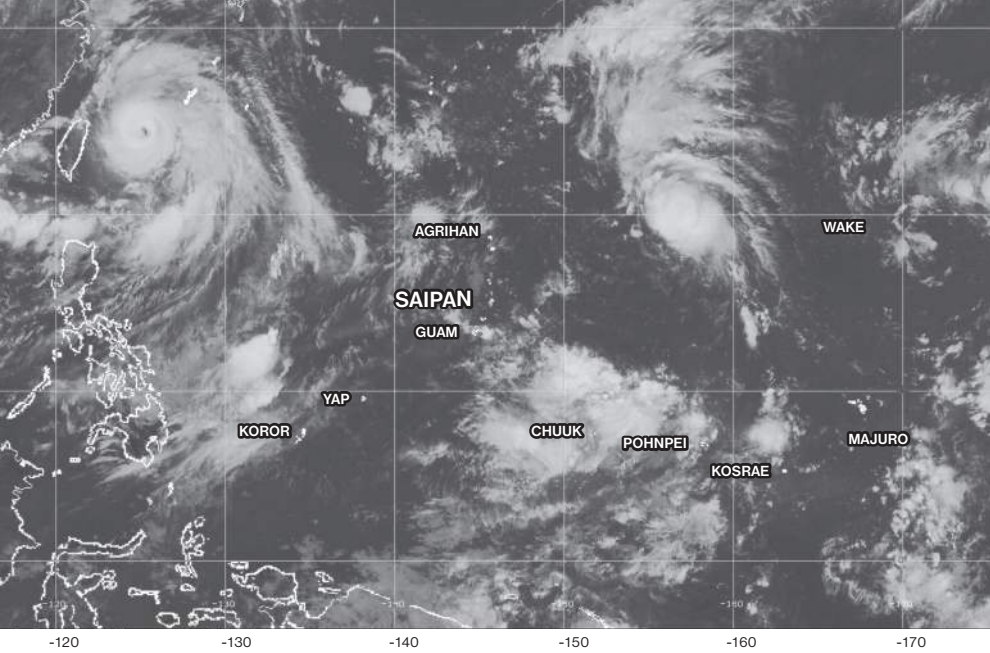
—Mark Twain

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Partly sunny with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Light and variable winds becoming west around 10 mph in the afternoon.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
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YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 9:25 AM, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2019
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Satellite and radar imagery show increasing showers over Guam and Rota. The pattern on the satellite imagery hints at a area of convergence generating this activity. Expect the scattered showers to persist for much of the day with thunderstorms possible later on.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA			▲▼°F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorm	84° / 77°	
Palau	Thunderstorm	83° / 79°	
Yap	Thunderstorm	86° / 79°	
Chuuk	Thunderstorm	85° / 78°	
Pohnpei	Thunderstorm	85° / 75°	
Kosrae	Thunderstorm	85° / 75°	
Majuro	Thunderstorm	86° / 80°	

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲▼°F
Auckland	Windy	57° / 52°	
Beijing	Sunny	97° / 70°	
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	90° / 82°	
Honolulu	Sunny	90° / 79°	
London	Showers	64° / 48°	
Los Angeles	Sunny	90° / 69°	
Manila	Thunderstorm	88° / 79°	
Melbourne	Showers	54° / 45°	
Miami	Partly Cloudy	91° / 79°	
New York	Showers	71° / 61°	
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	91° / 81°	
Paris	Partly Cloudy	72° / 55°	
Busan	Thunderstorm	82° / 75°	
Rome	Mostly Sunny	84° / 64°	
Salem	Sunny	92° / 67°	
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	68° / 58°	
Seoul	Rain	82° / 73°	
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	90° / 79°	
Washington, DC	Showers	73° / 62°	



NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.net

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
12:05 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.86	
7:27 AM	LOW TIDE	0.23	
2:32 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.68	
7:50 PM	LOW TIDE	1.19	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:04 AM	6:26 PM
Saturday	6:04 AM	6:25 PM
Sunday	6:05 AM	6:24 PM
Monday	6:05 AM	6:23 PM
Tuesday	6:05 AM	6:23 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	12:27 PM	-	-
Saturday	-	12:04 AM	1:22 PM
Sunday	-	12:55 AM	2:15 PM
Monday	-	1:46 AM	3:05 PM
Tuesday	-	2:37 AM	3:53 PM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA117	9:15am	9:57am	Daily	UA174	7:30am	8:07am	Daily
UA105	6:25pm	7:05pm	2, 4	UA104	4:50pm	5:31pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3451	3:30am	6:30am	4	7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7	7C3452	9:35pm	2:30am+1	3
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308	1:35am	5:20am	Daily	7C3402	9:30am	3:10pm	Daily
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	TW307	7:00pm	12:35am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	TW307	7:05pm	12:35am+1	1
7C3403	4:45am	8:35am	1, 2, 3, 5, 7	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
7C3403	5:00am	8:30am	4	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3403	5:00am	8:50am	6	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	1, 2, 4, 6, 7
7C3401	4:10pm	7:45pm	4, 7	7C3404	10:40pm	4:10am+1	3, 5
7C3401	4:10pm	8:10pm	1, 2, 3, 5, 6				
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:50am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:30pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)				HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN			
JD396	7:30am	12:05pm	1	JD395	8:05am	3:30pm	4
JD396	4:50pm	7:55pm	4	JD395	8:50pm	5:00am+1	7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:30am	7:50am	2, 6	3U8645	8:10pm	3:10am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:00am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:50pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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UA117/183	9:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM	UA192/174	9:45pm	8:07am+1	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA117/183	9:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/174	10:25pm	8:07am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA117/193	9:15am	10:40pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR	UA184/174	11:30pm	8:07am+1	2, 5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:40am	1 via ICN	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UO43	5:35am	8:25am	1	UO42	6:25pm	1:20am+1	7
UO43	5:50am	8:40am	3, 5, 7	UO42	9:25pm	4:20am+1	2, 4, 6
UA117/159	9:15am	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM	UA116/174	10:45pm	8:07am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; BC SkyMark ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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SAIPAN TO ROTA				1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily	1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily	1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily	1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
ROTA TO SAIPAN				1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily	1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily	1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily	1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily
ROTA TO GUAM							
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3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily				
GUAM TO ROTA							
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY				
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily				
SAIPAN TO TINIAN							
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY				
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily				
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily				

TINIAN TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

The Shack is Green Gala sponsor

The Shack is again signing on as an emerald sponsor of this year's Green Gala, the fundraising initiative of the Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance, which will be held on Sept. 13 at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

Speaking on behalf of his family and staff, The Shack co-owner Glen Hunter said, "We are proud to once again be able to support

one of [MINA's] fundraising events."

Hunter pointed out that, as a small local business, The Shack helps protect the environment by using reusable dishware and eco-friendly takeout containers, focusing on locally sourced produce, composting organic waste, supporting cleanup efforts, and donating to groups like MINA.

MINA executive director Roberta Guerrero said the continued support of businesses like The Shack makes MINA's mission of empowering communities for conservation possible.

Tickets for the Gala are available now at the MINA office or from board members. Call MINA at 233-7333 for more information. **(PR)**



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IN THE SUPERIOR OF THE COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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SACAYAN
Petitioner,
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Tessie
Macasling Garay
Respondent,

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ACTION
NO. 19-0318
SUMMONS FOR
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TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is PMB 445 BOX 10001 CHINATOWN SAIPAN, MP 96950 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

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Dated this 24th day of July, 2019.
/s/ Clerk of Court



COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROJECT NO.: CPA-RFP-011-19

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 27, 2019 TIME: 4:00 P.M.

"JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT"

THE PROPOSAL PACKAGE WHICH INCLUDES THE SCOPE OF WORK AND OTHER CONSIDERATION IS AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP BEGINNING AUGUST 30, 2019 AT THE CPA ADMIN OFFICE, 2ND FLOOR, SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ARRIVAL BUILDING.

PROPOSERS ARE TO SUBMIT ONE (1) ORIGINAL AND TWO (2) COPIES OF THE PROPOSALS TO THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, 2ND FLOOR, ARRIVAL BUILDING, SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN A SEALED ENVELOPE AND MARKED: "PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-011-19". PROPOSERS SHALL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION ALL CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PROCUREMENT BEFORE FINALIZING ITS PROPOSAL.

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CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Date: _____



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MP HOLDINGS LLC dba SAIPAN VEGAS IS SEEKING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ("EOI") FROM EXPERIENCED RESTAURANT OPERATORS TO LEASE AND OPERATE A BUFFET RESTAURANT AT SAIPAN VEGAS RESORT LOCATION ON MIDDLE RD, CHALAN LAU LAU SAIPAN

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VENUE OPENING SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 2019.**

COMMERCIAL TERMS OF THE LEASE ARE FLEXIBLE AND SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATION. CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION, THE RESTAURANT IS LOCATED AT SAIPAN VEGAS SECOND FLOOR AT THE NORTHER END OF MIDDLE RD, CHALAN LAU LAU, AND OFFERS:

- EXCEPTIONAL EXPOSURE TO BUSY MIDDLE RD
- APPROXIMATELY 4000 SQ FEET WITH 150 SEAT BUFFET RESTAURANT.
- COMMERCIAL KITCHEN FACILITIES PROVIDED
- AMPLE CUSTOMER PARKING.
- 24 HOUR, 7 DAY A WEEK SECURITY.
- NEWLY RENOVATED BUILDING WITH TOP QUALITY FIT OUT.
- PART OF ENTERTAINMENT VENUE ATTACHED TO SAIPAN COUNTRY CLUB GOLF COURSE, SAIPAN VEGAS RESORT 100 ROOM HOTEL AND SLOT CLUB.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT GUS NOBLE VIA EMAIL gusnoble@hotmail.com OR MOBILE +1 670 484-6050, to arrange an interview to discuss the opportunity.



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Department of Labor



Contact the CNMI-OSHA On-Site Consultation Program
for your **FREE** consultation services.



Stay safe and healthy!

WATER. REST. SHADE. The work can't get done without them.

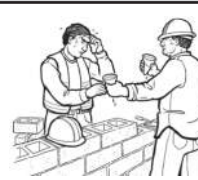
Drink water even if you aren't thirsty — every 15 minutes.



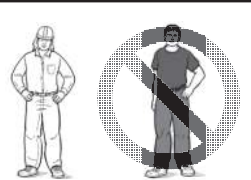
Rest in the shade.



Watch out for each other.



Wear hats and light-colored clothing.



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Easy does it on your first days of work in the heat. You need to get used to it.
Rest in the shade at least 5 minutes as needed to cool down.

For more information, please call CNMI-OSHA On-Site Consultation office at

Tel.: 664-3154/5/6/7 or

Email: Wallace Chong: wchongdolosha@gmail.com

Sidney Camacho: scamachodolosha@gmail.com

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Applications sought for USDA's rural energy loan program

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Department of Agriculture is now accepting applicants for loan guarantees and grants for renewable energy systems; to make energy efficiency improvements, conduct energy audits and provide development assistance.

The funding is being provided through USDA's Rural Energy for America Program, or REAP, which was created under the 2008 Farm Bill and reauthorized under the 2018 Farm Bill.

Yesterday's notice seeks applications for fiscal year 2020 funding. The deadlines to ap-

ply for renewable energy system and energy efficiency improvement grants are Oct. 31, 2019, and March 31, 2020. Applications for loan guarantees are accepted year-round. The deadline to apply for energy audit and development assistance grants is Jan. 31, 2020.

REAP helps agricultural producers and rural small businesses reduce energy costs and consumption by purchasing and installing renewable energy systems and making energy efficiency improvements in their operations. Eligible systems may derive energy from

wind, solar, hydroelectric, ocean, hydrogen, geothermal or renewable biomass (including anaerobic digesters).

USDA encourages applications that will support recommendations made in the "Report to the President of the United States from the Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity" to help improve life in rural America.

Applicants are encouraged to consider projects that provide measurable results in helping rural communities build robust and sustainable economies through strategic

investments in infrastructure, partnerships and innovation. Key strategies include:

- Achieving e-Connectivity for Rural America
- Developing the Rural Economy
- Harnessing Technological Innovation
- Supporting a Rural Workforce
- Improving Quality of Life

Additional information about the REAP program and how to apply for this funding is available on page 45713 of the Aug. 30, 2019, of the *Federal Register*. (PR)

\$328M released to Guam, USVI in rum and Section 30 tax payments

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Department of the Interior will be signing over \$328 million to Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The payments, which was announced yesterday, represent \$69,928,937 that will go to Guam for federal income tax advance payments under Section 30 of the Organic Act of Guam for fiscal year 2020 and \$258,375,000 to the U.S. Virgin Islands in rum tax cover-over payments for the estimated fiscal year 2020 rum tax collections in the territory.

"These funds are important to Guam and the Virgin Islands governments and my team at the Office of Insular Affairs always works hard to ensure the funds are transferred as quickly as they are available," said Assistant Secretary Doug Domenech. "I expect the funds to be available by next week."

Under Guam's Organic Act, federal income taxes derived from active members of the U.S. Armed Forces and pensions paid to retired civilian and military employees of the United States who reside in Guam are annually "covered-

over" to the Guam Treasury to support the operations, activities, and programs of the local government. Through changes made under the National Defense Authorization Act of 2017 (U.S. Public Law 114-328, Section 1703) some of these funds are set aside for the Guam World War II Claims Fund at the Department of the Treasury.

Under the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands, any excise tax collected on USVI manufactured rum imported into the United States is transferred to or "covered-over" to the USVI. The USVI government submits an advance estimate of rum excise taxes to the Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs on an annual basis so that a payment can be made in September of each fiscal year. Any adjustments necessary are calculated and paid later based upon amounts advanced from rum excise taxes derived from the USVI and actual receipts collected by the federal government.

All payments are certified by the U.S. Department of the Treasury. (PR)

Ulithi Atoll and its people take center stage in new book

Through the collaborative efforts of University of Guam professor Emerita Rebecca A. Stephenson, dean Emerita Mary L. Spencer, and 12 contributing authors, a new book explores the Ulithi Atoll and various aspects of its life, culture, economics, human development, island challenges, and ecology.

Ulithi Atoll is one of the islands in the state of Yap in the Federated States of Micronesia.

The book, *Ulithi Atoll, Micronesia: Recalling the Past, Reaffirming the Future*, will be launched in partnership with its publisher, the University of Guam Press, at 5:30pm on Sept. 18, on the University of Guam campus. The launch will include a series of author presentations and a book signing.

"This research collection is intended to bring new attention to the Ulithi Atoll by sharing a body of research studies mostly unreported in readily available sources concerning Ulithi," writes Spencer, one of the book's co-editors, in her introduction. "Signif-

icantly, this book can project the voices and views of indigenous Ulithi residents as well as educators and researchers who include Ulithi in their study areas."

The book traces the successive periods of competitive explorers and traders; the Spanish, German, Japanese, and U.S. colonial periods and, significantly, Ulithi's emergence into a self-governing status within FSM. It also has two extensive bibliographies, commentary, figures, photographs, and wisdom from three indigenous writers: Eulalia Harui-Walsh, Joliene Hasugulayag, and Joshua Walsh.

The launch event will take place at the dean's office of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences on the University of Guam campus. The office is on the third floor of the Humanities and Social Sciences building.

Ulithi Atoll, Micronesia will be available for sale at the launch for \$25 per book. After the launch, the book will also be sold at the UOG Triton Store, on Amazon, and at other bookstores in Guam. (PR)

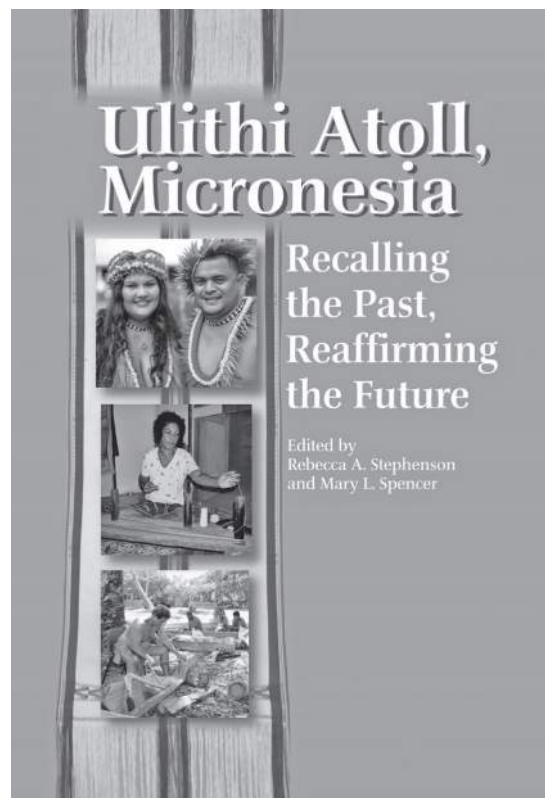


Photo shows the cover of the new book, *Ulithi Atoll, Micronesia: Recalling the Past, Reaffirming the Future*. It will be available for sale at the University of Guam Triton Store, on Amazon, and at other bookstores in Guam.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Hagåtña Pool closed for repairs

HAGÁTÑA, Guam—The Hagåtña Pool will be temporarily closed for emergency repairs to isolate water loss to a ruptured sand filter tank. The Department of Parks and Recreation contractor is currently

working on the repair. Pool operations will resume on or before Saturday. Patrons are encouraged to use the Dededo Pool in the interim. For more information, call 475-6288. (PR)

MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDITS FOR FY 2019 AND 2020 MPLT RFP 19.01

The Marianas Public Land Trust (MPLT) is soliciting Request for Proposal (RFP) for Financial and Compliance Audit for MPLT for fiscal years 2019 and 2020. Copy of the RFP is available @ www.mplt.gov.mp or may be pick-up at MPLT, 1222 Capital Hill Road, Saipan, MP 96950. Office Hours: 8:00am – 5:00pm, Monday – Friday

Contact Barbara Reyes at (670) 322-4401/4402 or email: mplt@mplt.gov.mp for more information.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION:
4:00 P.M., Friday, September 13, 2019

PLACE:

Marianas Public Land Trust
P.O. Box 501089
1222 Capital Hill Road
Saipan, MP 96950

The MPLT reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in a proposal if doing so is in the Trust best interest. All proposals shall become the property of MPLT.



PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP NO.: RFP19-BECQ/DEQ-131

SUBMISSION DATE: OCTOBER 07, 2019 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"SEDIMENT SAMPLING AT 303(D) LISTED WATERSHED STREAM DISCHARGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2013 CNMI SURFACE WATER QUALITY MONITORING PLAN FOR THE BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL COASTAL QUALITY, DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY"

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY, LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, ASCENCION DRIVE, BUILDING NO. 1301, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

ALL QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP **MUST** BE SUBMITTED VIA-EMAIL TO MR. LARRY MAURIN BY EMAIL AT larrymaurin@becq.gov.mp. **NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS SEPTEMBER 23, 2019.** RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS SHALL BE SHARED WITH ALL PERSPECTIVE PROPOSERS.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIA SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

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/S/ ELI D. CABRERA
ADMINISTRATOR, BECQ

/S/ FRANCISCO C. AGUON
ACTING DIRECTOR, P&S



Faith, Hope and
KARIDAT
Catholic Charities – Diocese of Chalan Kanoa

Disaster Case Manager – Temporary

The Disaster Case Manager will provide disaster case management services to individuals and families impacted by Super Typhoon Yutu on the islands of Saipan and Tinian, in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Disaster Case Manager is responsible for providing a wide variety of disaster recovery client services, including assessments, supportive services, information and referral, financial assistance, advocacy, and the development of long-term disaster recovery plans.

Qualification

- Bachelor's degree in the human service field of 4 years commensurate work experience in disaster services.
- Experience working disaster recovery or related case management.
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively with a wide diversity of people from different ethnic backgrounds.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.
- Proven computer skills including Word, Excel and other appropriate applications.
- Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED: Complete application form, copy of diploma, resume, current police clearance within 6 months and a copy of valid driver's license.

For more information, job description and application can be obtained from Karidat Main Office at Old Sister Remedios Bldg.

NO PHONE INQUIRIES PLEASE.
CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2019 AT 4:00PM



Organizers and judges of the previous Startup Weekend Guam, held last November at the University of Guam, congratulate the top three winners. From left, Jane Ray, mentor at the event and business adviser at the Small Business Development Center; Jenelyn Abinales, organizer; Matthew Simpson, judge and owner of Green Banana Paper; Michael Duenas, judge and chief information officer for Coast360 Federal Credit Union; Emilee Beachy, organizer; Hayato Yamaura, first place winner; Kathy DeWitt, second place winner; Phuong Bosque, participant; Krestal Johnson, third place winner; and Nadine Noket, organizer.

UNIVERSITY OF GUAM

Startup Weekend expands to Micronesia this November

» Event happening on Saipan on Nov. 7-9

Startup Weekend, an internationally occurring event facilitating innovation and entrepreneurship, will be expanding this year to islands throughout Micronesia.

Graduate students at the University of Guam School of Business & Public Administration and the Pacific Islands Small Business Development Center, which together brought the event model to Guam for the first time in 2014 and to Saipan in 2016, will be hosting the first-ever Startup Weekend Micronesia this November.

“[I]n Guam, we’ve observed an increase of younger genera-

tions developing the entrepreneurial mindset and starting small businesses that bring new, fresh, and innovative products or services to the island,” said Skye Llagas, a graduate student in the university’s Professional Master of Business Administration Program. “We hope to stimulate similar growth and opportunities in the rest of Micronesia with Startup Weekend Micronesia 2019.”

The event will be held on Nov. 7-9 in Guam and Saipan and, for the first time, in Palau, Chuuk, Kosrae, Yap, and Pohnpei.

Startup Weekend Micronesia 2019 will be a three-day event in which entrepreneurial business leaders and aspiring

entrepreneurs in the community will pitch their best business ideas, then form teams, build a business plan, and turn their ideas into small-business startups. They will then pitch the startup to a panel of judges who will determine a winner.

The event will be led on the various islands by 10 students in the 15th cohort of the PMBA program, while the Entrepreneur Society student organization will lead the event in Guam. Angelina Tretnoff, a business instructor at the College of Micronesia-FSM and a UOG alumna, will lead the event in Pohnpei.

“The cohort realizes the opportunity to impact the islands of Micronesia by contributing

our time, resources, and professional skillsets and inspiring those around us,” Llagas said.

In addition to discovering where they are on the entrepreneur’s journey and learning what it takes to start a company, participants will have the opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals and local mentors.

The event locations and costs will be announced closer to the event.

For more information about this event, contact PMBA Cohort XV at sweekendmicronesia@gmail.com or your local Small Business Development Center listed here: <https://www.pacificsbdc.com/contact-pisbdcn>. (PR)

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.) Civil Action
EPHREM S.) No. 18-0018 (R)
TAIMANAO and)
LUCIA M.)
TAIMANAO,)
dba JOE AND)
SONS)
ENTERPRISES,)
Defendants.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgaged Property entered in the above titled action on February 15, 2019, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due to Plaintiff Bank of Guam from Defendants Ephrem S. Taimanao and Lucia M. Taimanao, dba Joe and Sons Enterprises, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on **October 3, 2019, at 11:00 A.M.** at the **Rota Courthouse Lobby**, Rota, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot 345 R 200, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 345 R 05, the original of which was recorded 10 MAY 1984 as Document No. 84-751 at Commonwealth Recorder’s, Saipan, shall be sold to satisfy the foreclosure judgment entered by the Court.

Terms and Conditions of Sale:

- Public Sale.** The auction shall be open to the general public.
- With Reserve.** The auction sale shall be held with reserve.
- Rights and Duties of Auctioneer.** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the action sale:
 - to withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted;
 - to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
 - to reject any and all bids.
- Bids.** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: (670) 234-7859; Fax: (670) 234-5749; Email: rttlaw@pticom.com. Any person who submits his/her bid shall provide a copy of his/her valid Identification Card, or other legally acceptable form of identification. A written bid shall include the bidder’s signature with his/her telephone number, mailing address, and any other contact information.
- Deposit and Payment:** A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, money order, or cashier’s check. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer’s rights, title, and interest in any of the property, which will revert to Plaintiff Bank of Guam.
- Change of Terms.** Auctioneer and the Bank of Guam reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by the constructive notice.
- Inspection and No Warranty.** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. Contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold “AS IS” and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any buyer. A copy of the appraisal report and other documents pertaining to the mortgaged property to be sold at public auction is available upon request. If necessary, a copy of the appraisal report will be provided to the Rota Bank of Guam Manager for Rota, for on-island bidders.

DATED this 6th day of August, 2019.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

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Lot 010 R 20, containing an area of 929 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 010 R 00 dated March 06, 1974, as Document No. 3438 at Land Registry, Saipan, which was recorded on June 17, 1997 as Document No. 97-1467 at Commonwealth Recorder’s, Saipan.

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/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB19-DOL/WIA-123

SUBMISSION DATE: SEPTEMBER 06, 2019 TIME: 09:00 A.M.

“SYMMETRICAL BANDWIDTH INTERNET SERVICES FOR A MINIMUM OF 20Mbps OR MORE COMING IN & A MINIMUM OF 20Mbps OR MORE GOING OUT CAPACITY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AGENCY”

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/s/ VICKY BENAVENTE
SECRETARY OF LABOR

/s/ FRANCISCO C. AGUON
ACTING DIRECTOR, P&S

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB19-DOL/WIA-124

SUBMISSION DATE: SEPTEMBER 24, 2019 TIME: 09:30 A.M.

“CLEANING SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AGENCY”

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**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION**

INVITATION TO BID (ITB)
ITB19-CHCC/DENTAL-001

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 01, 2019 TIME: 10:00 AM

“DENTAL VAN – COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION – DENTAL

INTERESTED PARTIES CAN NOW DOWNLOAD THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)/INVITATION TO BID (ITB) FROM THE CHCC WEBSITE (WWW.CHCC.GOV.MP). ONCE AT THE SIDE, NAVIGATE TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TAB ON THE LEFT NAVIGATION BAR. CLICK ON THE URL FOR THIS RFP/ITB. YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO ENTER DATA TO ALLOW US TO TRACK ALL REQUESTS FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.

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/s/ ESTHER L. MUNA
CHCC CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

/s/ CORAZON P. ADA
CHC DIRECTOR OF P&S

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
RFP19-CHCC/CGC-021

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 09, 2019 TIME: 11:59 PM

“FIRST FLOOR RENOVATION - COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION - COMMUNITY GUIDANCE CENTER”

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***MANDATORY ASSESSMENT ON AUGUST 29, 2019
@ 9:00 A.M. SAIPAN TIME @ COMMUNITY GUIDANCE CENTER, GLORIA DRIVE, NAVY HILL**

/s/ ESTHER L. MUNA
CHCC CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

/s/ SUBROTO BANERJI
ACTING CHCC DIRECTOR OF P&S

Business

Infino to welcome two new world-class chefs



Infino's penne pasta in shrimp pesto sauce. MIKAELA RABAGO

Chef Juan Carlos Berrocal said Infino will be welcoming two new world-class chefs in the coming weeks.

By MARK RABAGO
mark_rabago@saipantribune.com
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Infino is not pulling any punches

as it continues to establish itself as a major player in Saipan's burgeoning restaurant market. Chef Juan Carlos Berrocal said the Italian/Peruvian/Spanish restaurant will be hiring two new experienced chefs in the coming weeks.

First to come aboard is Berrocal's old buddy, Franco Cunnetta, with whom he worked with in Peru.

A native of Italy with stints in New York, Miami, and Peru, Conneta comes to Saipan with over 20 years of culinary experience.

Berrocal said Conneta would inject his expertise in

authentic pizza, calzone, and other Italian favorites to Infino's Italian menu.

Joining Berrocal and Conneta at Infino's kitchen is Melvin Samuel, who is no stranger to the island, having worked with Berrocal when the two used to front Roque's Tavern. Samuel left Saipan for Alaska a couple of years ago when Berrocal shuttered Roque's Tavern.

"I'm excited to welcome these two new chefs to the fold. Expect bigger and better things at Infino with the addition of these two world-class chefs," said Berrocal.

And that's not all: The Garapan restaurant just introduced pasta and burger stations to complement its daily buffet lunch.

The patties at the burger sta-

tion are freshly made and grilled on the spot with your choice of veggies and condiments, while customers can choose sauces like pesto, marinara, and alfredo and toppings of chicken, shrimp, or spinach for its pasta.

"We needed to up our game if we are to attract more customers at our lunch buffet so we decided to add the burger and pasta live stations to our daily offerings," said Berrocal.

Infino's lunch buffet is from Monday to Saturday, 11:30am to 2pm, and costs \$12. Sunday buffet is also at the same time but slightly higher at \$16.

Infino is located beside QQ Rent-A-Car in Garapan and managed by Yaya Luan. For reservations and for more information, call (670) 233-9966. Infino can also be reached via Facebook.

Johnson's Brexit plans in crisis after 3rd defeat in 2 days

LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister Boris Johnson called Wednesday for a national election on Oct. 15, saying it was the only way out of Britain's Brexit impasse after lawmakers moved to block his plan to leave the European Union next month without a divorce deal.

But Parliament delivered Johnson his third defeat in two days and turned down a motion triggering a vote. Johnson indicated he would try again, saying an election was the only way forward for the country, and accusing opposition Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn of being afraid of the public's judgment.

"The obvious conclusion, I'm afraid, is that he does not think he will win," Johnson said.

Scarcely six weeks after taking office with a vow to break Britain's Brexit dead-

lock—which entrapped and finally defeated his predecessor, Theresa May—Johnson's own plans to lead the U.K. out of the EU are in crisis.

Johnson insists Britain must leave the bloc on the scheduled date of Oct. 31, with or without a divorce deal, but many lawmakers—including several from Johnson's Conservative Party—are determined to thwart him. On Wednesday the House of Commons approved an opposition bill designed to halt a no-deal Brexit.

Johnson accused the opposition of trying to "overturn the biggest democratic vote in our history," referring to the outcome of the 2016 referendum to leave the EU.

His solution, a risky one, is an election that could shake up Parliament and produce a less obstructive crop of lawmakers. But opinion polls do not point

to a certain majority for Johnson's Conservatives, and on Wednesday Johnson did not get the general election he craves—at least not yet. Opposition parties, deeply mistrustful of the prime minister, refused to back a new election until the anti-no deal bill becomes law.

"Let the bill pass and have Royal Assent and then we can have a general election," Corbyn said.

Johnson needed the support of two-thirds of the 650 lawmakers in the House of Commons to trigger an election—a total of 434—but got just 298, with 56 voting no and the rest abstaining.

Johnson signaled that he would try again to trigger a snap election, urging opposition lawmakers to "reflect overnight and in the course of the next few days."

Huawei accuses US of cyberattacks, coercing employees

BEIJING (AP)—Chinese telecom equipment maker Huawei accused U.S. authorities on Wednesday of attempting to break into its information systems and of trying to coerce its employees to gather information on the company.

Huawei, which faces mounting American pressure including possible loss of access to U.S. technology over accusations the company is a security risk, said in a statement that Washington has used "unscrupulous means" in recent months to disrupt its business.

American officials have given no evidence to support

claims Huawei might aid Chinese spying, accusations the company denies. The United States, Australia, Japan and some other governments have imposed restrictions on use of Huawei technology.

Huawei Technologies Ltd. is the No. 2 global smartphone brand and the biggest maker of network gear for phone companies.

Export controls announced by the Trump administration in May would limit Huawei's access to U.S. technology. Implementation has been postponed to mid-November.

Washington is lobbying European governments to

exclude Huawei from next-generation telecom networks. Germany, France and Ireland say they have no plans to ban any supplier.

Huawei, headquartered in the southern city of Shenzhen, gave no evidence to support its accusations. A company spokesman said he had no additional details.

The accusations were included in a statement about an unrelated patent dispute in the United States.

U.S. President Donald Trump declined to respond to the allegations when asked about them on Wednesday by a reporter.

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Chinese Yuan	7.01	Taiwan Dollar	30.74
Euro	0.91	Thailand Baht	30.52

Nation

Dorian, back to a Category 3 hurricane, creeps up US coast

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP)—Hurricane Dorian, back to a Category 3 storm, began raking the Southeast U.S. seaboard late Wednesday, threatening to inundate low-lying coasts from Georgia to southwest Virginia with a dangerous storm surge after its deadly mauling of the Bahamas.

Dorian had crashed into the island nation as its strongest hurricane on record leaving widespread devastation and at least 20 people dead. But it weakened substantially in the days since, dropping from a Category 5 to a Category 2 storm before increasing again late Wednesday. Dorian could maintain this intensity for about 12 hours or so, but guidance is showing shear increasing, and that should result in gradual weakening Thursday and Friday, according to the National Hurricane Center.

Dorian still boasted dangerously high winds of 115 mph (185 kph) as it churned north toward the Carolinas while pushing crashing ocean waves onshore.

More than 1,500 people sought refuge in 28 shelters in South Carolina, where sheets of rain began falling late Wednesday in the historic port city of Charleston, located on a peninsula prone to flooding. As Dorian crept dangerously closer, winds picked up sending rain sheets sideways, thunder boomed in the night sky



President Donald Trump holds a chart as he talks with reporters after receiving a briefing on Hurricane Dorian in the Oval Office of the White House, Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2019, in Washington.

and power flickered on and off in places.

Though weakened, Dorian remained a force to be reckoned with, its swirling circle of winds and rain wrapped around a large, gaping eye visible on photos taken from space. At 11 p.m. EDT Wednesday the distinct eye of the hurricane churned about 105 miles (168 kilometers) south of Charleston, moving

north at 7 mph (11 kph) off the coast.

In Charleston's downtown, stores and restaurants were boarded up with wood and corrugated metal and about 830,000 people were under mandatory evacuation orders on the South Carolina coast.

Hundreds of thousands also were ordered off the Georgia coast. A flood chart posted by the National Weather Service

projected a combined high tide and storm surge around Charleston Harbor of 10.3 feet (3.1 meters); the record, 12.5 feet (4 meters), was set by Hugo in 1989.

Georgia's coastal islands were also at risk, Gov. Brian Kemp said Wednesday, add-

ing "We are very worried, especially about the barrier islands getting cut off."

The approach of Dorian has left the cobblestone streets of Savannah, Georgia's downtown historic district largely deserted. But there were still places to find a hurricane

Rainfall forecast

Potential rainfall forecast through 8 a.m. Saturday, Sep. 7



Source: NOAA
Graphic: Staff, Tribune News Service

party. More than 30 people gathered at Pinkie Master's Lounge on Wednesday evening, as wind gusts from the offshore hurricane bent tree tops in Savannah — nearly 20 miles (32 kilometers) inland.

In North Carolina, where authorities said an 85-year-old man died after falling from a ladder while getting ready for Dorian, Gov. Roy Cooper warned of the threat of storm surge and flash flooding from heavy rains. The Outer Banks barrier islands were particularly exposed.

Oregon death is 2nd linked to vaping, 1st tied to pot shop

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Public health officials in Oregon said Wednesday that a person who recently died of a severe respiratory illness had used an electronic cigarette containing marijuana oil from a legal dispensary, the second death linked to vaping nationwide and the first tied to a vaping product bought at a pot shop.

Officials have not determined what sickened the middle-aged adult, whether the product was contaminated or whether they may have added something to the liquid in the device after buying it, said Dr. Ann Thomas with the Oregon Health Authority.

Thomas declined to name the brand of the product or the dispensary during the investigation and said it's the only case of vaping-related illness or death in Oregon that authorities know about.

"Our investigation has not yielded exactly what it is in this product," Thomas said. "At this point, some of the other states have more data

than us."

As of last week, 215 possible cases of severe lung disease associated with the use of e-cigarettes had been reported by 25 states, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The battery-powered vaping devices can be used to inhale a flavored nicotine solution or a solution infused with marijuana oil.

Illinois officials on Friday reported what they consider the first death in the nation linked to vaping after the person contracted a serious lung disease. They didn't say if the e-cigarette contained marijuana oil or just nicotine.

Health officials in some states have said a number of people who got sick had vaped products containing THC, the compound that gives marijuana its high.

That's a critical distinction in the Oregon case, according to the American Vaping Association, which has blamed the recent spate of lung illnesses on illegal vape pens that contain THC.

Wisconsin public health officials said late last month that 89% of the people they interviewed who became sick reported using e-cigarettes or other vaping devices to inhale THC.

In New York state, 32 cases of vaping-related illness have been reported, with a "vast majority" involving people who vape illicit marijuana. None has involved medical marijuana products sold in compliance with state law.

New York officials are focusing their investigation on an additive used in black-market vape oils made from vitamin E. A state health department spokeswoman said a lab has found "high levels" of vitamin E acetate in "nearly all" the marijuana samples involved.

Officials cautioned, however, that there have been respiratory illnesses diagnosed where the vaping product did not contain marijuana.

"It's kind of scary and it's hard to believe that any vaping is really safe at this point," said Thomas, the Oregon doctor.

Only 1 person remains missing from dive boat fire

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP)—Only one person remained missing Wednesday after searchers recovered 33 bodies from the charred underwater wreckage of a dive boat that caught fire off the Southern California coast and sank on Labor Day.

Among the victims were an engineer for Apple who went on the trip with his wife and daughter to celebrate the teen's 17th birthday, a special effects designer for Disney, a nature photographer, a nurse and a physics teacher from Northern California who was with his 26-year-old daughter.

Five crew members, including the captain, managed to escape the Conception after Monday's pre-dawn fire that engulfed the boat as the victims slept below decks near the island of Santa Cruz during a three-day scuba diving excursion. The vessel eventually sank and overturned, making the recovery of bodies challenging.

The only crewmember to die was 26-year-old Allie Kurtz, who quit her corporate job at Paramount Pictures to work on dive boats and had

recently been promoted to deckhand on the Conception.

She was sleeping with the other divers below deck when flames moved quickly through the 75-foot (23-meter) vessel, blocking a narrow stairway and an escape hatch leading to the upper decks.

DNA will be needed to identify the victims. Authorities will use the same rapid analysis tool that identified victims of the deadly wildfire that devastated the Northern California town of Paradise last year, Santa Barbara County Sheriff Bill Brown said.

Apple engineer Steve Salika and his wife, Diana Adamic, went on the trip with their daughter Tia Salika to celebrate the teen's 17th birthday, company senior vice president Deirdre O'Brien told The Mercury News newspaper. Apple colleague, Dan Garcia, joined them.

Tia was a student at Pacific Collegiate Charter School, a high-performing school serving grades 7 to 12 in Santa Cruz. Also with her was a fellow student Berenice Fe-

lipe, according to a letter sent to the school community obtained by NBC News.

O'Brien said in a statement that Salika's "energy and enthusiasm touched so many people across our company" during his 30-year career there, and that Garcia "was as passionate about his job at Apple as he was about his love of diving. Both leave many friends behind and will be deeply missed."

Another diver aboard was visual effects designer Charles McIlvain, who was known for his work on films such as "Spider-Man" and "Green Lantern."

His wife, Jasmine Lord, said in a family statement that he was with their close friend Marybeth Guiney, who was also the couple's neighbor in Santa Monica.

Both lived their lives to the fullest, according to the statement.

"His laugh was the greatest and his smile could light up the dark," the family said in a statement. "He embraced life with exceptional joy, openness and humor, and all who knew him felt that warmth."

Asia

HK withdraws extradition bill that sparked protests

AP
Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam pauses during a press conference at the government building in Hong Kong, on Thursday, Sept. 5, 2019.



HONG KONG (AP)—Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam withdrew the extradition bill that sparked months of demonstrations, bowing to one of the protesters' demands in the hope of ending the increasingly violent unrest.

But activists rejected Wednesday's move as insufficient and vowed not to yield until the government accepts other demands including an independent investigation into alleged police brutality against protesters, the unconditional release of those detained and democracy.

The bill would have al-

lowed Hong Kong residents to be sent to mainland China for trials. It has prompted massive protests since June that have disrupted transportation links around the city and at its international airport.

Lam said the government would not accept the other demands, and instead named two new members to a police watchdog agency investigating police misconduct.

"The government will formally withdraw the bill in order to fully allay public concerns," she said in a recorded television message.

Lam said the persistent violence is damaging the rule of law and that challenges to the "one country, two systems" framework under which the former British colony returned to Chinese control in 1997 had put Hong Kong in a "highly vulnerable and dangerous situation."

"Our foremost priority now is to end violence, to safeguard the rule of law and to restore order and safety in society," she added, vowing to "strictly enforce the law against all violent and illegal acts."

Lam said it was clear that

public frustration has gone far beyond the bill and that her government will seek a dialogue with aggrieved groups to address their discontent. She said she will also invite community leaders, professionals and academics to examine and advise the government on how to resolve deep-seated problems in the society.

"Let's replace conflicts with conversations, and let's look for solutions," she said.

Some lawmakers and activists said the move was too little, too late.

A youth activist who iden-

Oscar Albayalde ordered the deployment of police to track down the convicts, who police said in a statement "will be treated as fugitives if they choose not to surrender."

The releases sparked an outcry after it was reported that one of the convicts being considered for freedom was former Mayor Antonio Sanchez, who was convicted in 1995 in the killings of two university students. One was gang raped and then shot.

The 1987 Philippine Constitution abolished the death penalty but capital punishment was reintroduced in 1993, then abolished again in 2006. Duterte, who took office in 2016, has advocated harsh anti-crime measures and the return of the death penalty in the largely Roman Catholic nation.

"dead or alive," adding he preferred that they end up dead.

"If you die, that will save us some money because we don't have to feed you," he said, adding he needed to act firmly because people were angered by the releases of criminals convicted of heinous crimes.

"I am the president, there is a fire burning," Duterte said. "I'm a firefighter. I should go and I have to put out the fire."

Sen. Panfilo Lacson, a former national police chief, praised Duterte's action. Lacson has said about 1,900 convicts were actually freed under the law, including at least four convicted Chinese drug traffickers who were to be deported by the Bureau of Immigration and Deportation. Officials have moved to block their deportation.

National police chief Gen.

tified herself only as Chan and wore a helmet and scarf to shield her identity told a news conference that protesters "would not back down, not even one step" until their other demands are met.

"If Carrie Lam had withdrawn the bill two months ago, that would have been a quick fix but to apply a bandage onto rotten flesh, that simply won't cut it," she said.

Prominent youth activist Joshua Wong said the government in Beijing hopes to cool the protests ahead of China's National Day on Oct. 1.

"I hope the people in China can understand that democracy, freedom and human rights are

universal values that Hong Kong people are fighting for," he told journalists before a forum in Taipei, Taiwan, where he is visiting.

"We will continue to fight for it. I hope there is one day that Hong Kong and even China would become a place where people can enjoy democracy and freedom."

Pro-democracy lawmaker Claudia Mo mocked Lam's bid to seek dialogue to address public grievances.

"She has been fast asleep these three months, this is just absurd," Mo said. "The scars and wounds are still bleeding, and she thinks she can just use some garden hose to put out the hill fire."

ASIAN BRIEFS

Tour bus crashes on wet New Zealand road, 5 Chinese killed

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—A tour bus carrying Chinese tourists flipped in rainy weather near a New Zealand tourist town Wednesday morning, killing five Chinese nationals and seriously injuring two others, police said. Police Inspector Brent Crowe told media that the medium-sized tour bus was carrying 27 people and was about 20 minutes north of Rotorua at just after 11 a.m. when it failed to negotiate a bend on a highway. He said the bus drifted onto the wrong side of the road and as the driver tried to correct it flipped onto the driver's side. He said no other vehicles were involved in the crash but the weather was a factor. "High winds, fog and a lot of rain," Crowe said. "And the road surface was clearly wet and slippery." Liang Zhi, a diplomat from the Chinese Embassy in Wellington, told The Associated Press that they understand the bus was carrying a driver, a tour guide, and Chinese tourists mostly from the Sichuan province.

India names leaders of 2 Pakistan-based groups as terrorists

NEW DELHI (AP)—India officially declared on Wednesday that the leaders of two Pakistan-based militant groups are terrorists under a new law. The Home Ministry named Masood Azhar, chief of Jaish-e-Mohammed, and Hafiz Muhammad Saeed, founder of Lashkar-e-Taiba, as terrorists under the amended Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Act. Azhar's name has already been

placed by the United Nations on a sanctions blacklist after his group claimed responsibility for a February suicide attack in Indian-controlled Kashmir that killed 40 Indian soldiers and took India and Pakistan close to war. The United Nations in May imposed a travel ban and freeze on Azhar's assets as well as an arms embargo. Saeed, an anti-India cleric, runs a charity in Pakistan known as Jamaat-ud-Dawa. The charity is widely believed to serve as a front for Lashkar-e-Taiba, the group blamed for attacks in Mumbai in 2008 that killed 166 people.

Thai 'Yellow Shirt' founder jailed for fraud released early

BANGKOK (AP)—The flamboyant media mogul who led an ultimately successful campaign to oust Thailand's prime minister in 2006 has been freed early from a 20-year prison sentence for financial fraud, the country's Corrections Department announced Wednesday. The department said Sondhi Limthongkul was released under the terms of a pardon marking King Maha Vajiralongkorn's April coronation but that a misunderstanding of his case had delayed his freedom. It said in a statement that the pardon was granted to Sondhi, 72, strictly for reasons of law after his situation was clarified, and had nothing to do with politics. Sondhi, along with three of his business associates, was sentenced in 2012 to 20 years in prison for filing a fraudulent financial report with forged documents, but went to prison only in 2016 after the Supreme Court affirmed the judgment.

Duterte fires prisons chief amid uproar on convicts' release

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine president on Wednesday fired the government's top prison official amid a public outcry over the release of hundreds of prisoners, including convicted drug traffickers and rapists, under a law rewarding good behavior with shorter jail terms.

President Rodrigo Duterte said in a televised news conference that Undersecretary Nicanor Faeldon of the Bureau of Corrections would immediately resign for disobeying his order to halt the releases of convicted prisoners under the 2014 law. Officials are now demanding a review of the "Good Conduct Time Allowance" law.

Prison officials will be investigated by a special anti-corruption prosecutor called

the Ombudsman in connection with the massive releases of convicts, Duterte said. A Senate Blue Ribbon committee has opened a formal inquiry into the releases.

Duterte ordered at least 1,700 prisoners who have been freed since the law took effect to surrender in 15 days, either for a re-computation of their jail time or for investigations to determine if they paid their way to freedom in corrupt deals with prison officials. "If you do not, then beginning at this hour, you are a fugitive from justice," Duterte said.

Some legal experts say the government cannot re-arrest convicts who have been freed under the law.

Duterte said he was considering a large bounty for the capture of the freed convicts

World

Hurricane death toll climbs to 20 in devastated Bahamas

FREEPORT, Bahamas (AP)—The ground crunched under Greg Alem's feet on Wednesday as he walked over the ruins of his home, laid waste by Hurricane Dorian. He touched a splintered beam of wood and pointed to the fallen trees, overcome by memories. "We planted those trees ourselves. Everything has a memory, you know," he said. "It's so, so sad. ... In the Bible there is a person called Job, and I feel like Job right now. He's lost everything, but his faith kept him strong."

The devastation wrought by Dorian—and the terror it inflicted during its day-and-a-half mauling of the Bahamas—came into focus Wednesday as the passing of the storm revealed a muddy, debris-strewn landscape of smashed and flooded-out homes on Abaco and Grand Bahama islands. The official death toll from the strongest hurricane on record

ever to hit the country jumped to 20, and there was little doubt it would climb higher.

With a now-distant Dorian pushing its way up the Southeastern U.S. coast, menacing Georgia and the Carolinas, many people living in the Bahamas were in shock as they slowly came out of shelters and checked on their homes.

In one community, George Bolter stood in the bright sunshine and surveyed the ruins of what was once his home. He picked at the debris, trying to find something, anything, salvageable. A couple of walls were the only thing left.

"I have lost everything," he said. "I have lost all my baby's clothes, my son's clothes. We have nowhere to stay, nowhere to live. Everything is gone."

The Bahamian government sent hundreds of police officers and marines into the stricken islands, along with doctors, nurses and other

health care workers, in an effort to reach drenched and stunned victims and take the full measure of the disaster.

"There are many in Grand Bahama who are suffering," Prime Minister Hubert Minnis said at a news conference. "We know there are many Bahamians that are in need of help. I want to assure you that more help is on the way."

He thanked the international community for its response, especially the U.S. government for what he called their "exceptional assistance."

The U.S. Coast Guard, Brit-

ain's Royal Navy and relief organizations including the United Nations and the Red Cross joined the burgeoning effort to rush food and medicine to survivors and lift the most desperate people to safety by helicopter. The U.S. government also dispatched urban search-and-rescue teams.

Londa Sawyer stepped off a helicopter in Nassau, the capital, with her two children and two dogs after being rescued from Marsh Harbor in the Abaco islands.

"I'm just thankful I'm alive," she said. "The Lord saved me."

Sawyer said that her home

was completely flooded and that she and her family fled to a friend's home, where the water came up to the second floor and carried them up to within a few feet of the roof. She said she and her children and the dogs were floating on a mattress for about half an hour until the water began receding.

Sandra Cooke, who lives in Nassau, said her sister-in-law was trapped under her roof for 17 hours in the Abaco islands and wrapped herself in a shower curtain as she waited.

"The dog laid on top of her to keep her warm until

the neighbors could come to help," she said. "All of my family lives in Marsh Harbor, and everybody lost everything. Not one of them have a home to live anymore."

The storm pounded the Bahamas with Category 5 winds up to 185 mph (295 kph) and torrential rains, swamping neighborhoods in brown floodwaters and destroying or severely damaging, by one estimate, nearly half the homes in Abaco and Grand Bahama, which have 70,000 residents and are known for their marinas, golf courses and all-inclusive resorts.



This photo shows destruction from Hurricane Dorian at Marsh Harbour in Great Abaco Island, the Bahamas, Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2019. AP

France's Macron to launch controversial pension overhaul

PARIS (AP)—French President Emmanuel Macron has held a special government meeting to discuss ways to launch an overhaul of the pension system that has the potential to raise the ire of the so-called yellow vest protesters.

Macron gathered government members Wednesday at the president's Elysee Palace in the presence of High Commissioner Jean-Paul Delevoye, who was appointed this week to drive the reform program.

Macron has said the changes would make the public pension system "fairer." The French pensions system is widely expected to fall into deficit over the coming decade and the government is under pressure to make it more sustainable for the future. The government also wants to apply the same rules to all new pensioners in order to replace the 42 different systems specific to certain jobs.

Macron has promised the legal retirement age will remain at 62 but new conditions might in effect mean those entering retirement in the future may have to work longer. The average French pension this year stands at 1,400 euros per month (\$1,500 per month) once taxes are deducted, according to a government report.

The reforms have the potential to re-ignite the yellow vest movement, which

petered out during the summer after months of protests against Macron's economic reform program.

Some labor unions have voiced worries that the proposed pension changes will make people work longer and reduce pensions. Strikes and protests have already been scheduled for this month.

The most recent major reform of the pension system, in 2010 under conservative President Nicolas Sarkozy, led to massive demonstrations—some with more than one million people on the streets.

Prime Minister Edouard Philippe will meet with workers unions and employer organizations later this week.

Ordinary people will also be able to take part in the debate through public meetings with government members and contributions on a specific website, Philippe said in a news conference Wednesday.

The process is inspired by the "grand debate" launched by Macron in response to the yellow vest protests so the French could express their views on France's economy and democracy, in an effort to ease the tensions in the country.

Macron's popularity rates are on the rise after reaching record lows when the yellow vest crisis broke out at the end of last year. Most recent polls show approval rates up around 10 percentage points around 43%.

Iran ratchets up pressure ahead of weekend nuclear deadline

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Iranian officials ratcheted up pressure Wednesday ahead of a weekend nuclear deadline for European nations to come up with a solution for Iran to sell its oil abroad in the aftermath of escalated U.S. sanctions.

President Hassan Rouhani reiterated a threat that Tehran would take additional steps away from the 2015 nuclear accord on Friday and accelerate nuclear activities if Europe fails to provide a solution, calling it Iran's third, "most important step" away from the deal. "Iran's third step is of an extraordinarily significant nature," Rouhani said, without giving details.

Later on Wednesday, Rouhani elaborated, saying in comments aired on state TV that starting on Friday, Iran's atomic agency would work on the research and development of "all kinds" of centrifuge machines that can more

quickly enrich uranium. However, he said the activities will be "peaceful" and under surveillance of the U.N. nuclear watchdog.

Under the nuclear deal, Iran has been limited to operating 5,060 older-model IR-1 centrifuges. A centrifuge is a device that enriches uranium by rapidly spinning uranium hexafluoride gas.

The country is allowed to test no more than 30 of the stronger, IR-6 centrifuges once the deal has been in place for 8 1/2 years. The deal is murky about limits before that point, which will arrive in 2023.

Meanwhile, Iran's Foreign Ministry announced that seven members of the 23-member crew of the seized British-flagged oil tanker Stena Impero held in the Persian Gulf would be released—an apparent good-will gesture meant to defuse tensions.

Iran seized the tanker on

July, saying it violated Iranian laws, after authorities in the British territory of Gibraltar seized an Iranian tanker said to be carrying fuel to Syria in violation of EU sanctions on oil sales to Damascus.

The Iranian vessel—the Adrian Darya 1, formerly known as the Grace 1—was released earlier this month and set sail for eastern Mediterranean. It turned off its tracking beacon off the coast of Syria this week, leading to renewed speculation that its oil will end up there, despite earlier assurances to the contrary.

Both Rouhani and Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi expressed doubts Europe would succeed in salvaging the nuclear deal between Tehran and world powers.

U.S. sanctions imposed after President Donald Trump withdrew America from the deal have curbed Iran's oil exports and sent its economy into free-

all while what was left of the deal steadily unraveled.

French officials said the U.S. has a pivotal role in the European bid to get Iran to comply, notably that Washington issue waivers for specific oil deals, according to French officials.

Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian told reporters Tuesday that Trump must "obligatorily issue waivers on this or that point." The French president's top diplomat had the same message: The diplomat said, credit lines or not, a potential deal "only works with American waivers" so that transactions can be made, notably with China, Japan, and India, three main clients of Tehran. The official asked to remain anonymous, given the sensitive nature of the subject.

The official suggested that a new step by Iran away from the nuclear deal does not kill efforts to save it.

Focus



Vegetarians gaining ground in carnivorous Argentina

By DEBORA REY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)—A fight is on over the Argentine identity, pitting a growing number of vegetarians and vegans against meat-eaters in a country known for its abundant beef, gaucho cowboys and sacred “asado” barbecues.

The weekend “asados” bring together families and friends and are a source of national pride in this South American country, which traditionally battles neighboring Uruguay for world leader in per-capita beef consumption. But this carnivorousness is being threatened by rising support for vegetarianism and veganism among Argentines, particularly the young and millennials, and growing militancy by activists.

A recent private online questionnaire found that six of every 10 Argentines are disposed to stop eating beef, a figure that alarmed ranchers who are already struggling through an economic crisis. The cultural divide came to a head several weeks ago when anti-animal cruelty activists interrupted an exhibition of the Buenos Aires Rural Society and were met by ranchers, some dressed in traditional gaucho outfits, who charged at them on horses with whips.

The younger generations “have grown up amid the debate over abortion in Congress;

inclusion, gender equality ... These collective questions have started to gain weight in decisions about the purchase of foods,” said Adrián Bifaretti, head of marketing at the Institute for the Promotion of Beef and author of the online survey and focus group that found a widespread readiness to give up beef. Bifaretti said the findings are based on doing a survey of 1,100 people every two months in a poll with a margin of error of three percentage points.

A July report by Argentina’s Chamber of Commerce for Beef and its Derivatives said Argentines are consuming on average 50 kilograms (110 pounds) of beef a year, what it called the lowest level in the history of this country, where cattle brought by the Spanish centuries ago thrived on vast prairies known as pampas.

“This concern about cruelty and the slaughter is here and is going to be felt,” Bifaretti said, adding that trends seen in other parts of the world are arriving in Argentina. “It is starting to be a challenge.”

Much of the anti-beef activism comes from vegans.

Lying on the grass, Melisa Lobo stroked the snout of Apollo, a weeks-old black calf about the size of a Labrador dog. Nearby, goats, sheep, chickens and ducks roamed and socialized at “Wild Sanctuary,” two hectares (nearly five acres) of land an hour from Buenos Aires.

“In the sanctuary, animals live out their entire lives,” said Lobo, a 28-year-old vegan, who calls each of the 300 animals in the sanctuary by name, except for the chickens “because they are all very similar.”

While a plump sheep named Bruno suspiciously approached the visitors interviewing Lobo, a goat tried to get the attention of the humans by displaying its horns.

“A person who is in contact with a dog or a cat knows that the animal feels, knows that they like to be pampered, knows when they are hungry, thirsty, cold or what hurts when they get hurt,” Lobo said. “But people not so close to them don’t know or don’t

want to know that they are sentient beings.”

Veganism, a current that emerged in London during World War II, is based on a diet free of animal products, unlike vegetarians who accept the intake of milk or eggs. Vegans also reject all forms of animal exploitation, whether as labor, or for clothing, cosmetics, transportation, sports or scientific experimentation.

“You receive meat on your plate and you don’t think about how it got there,” Lobo said. “I always liked my meat rare and I never imagined that the blood was fluid from the animal’s muscle.”

There is no official figure in Argentina, but Bifaretti’s institute estimates vegans and vegetarians represent 7% to 8% of the population.

When it is not yet dawn in Buenos Aires’s Mataderos neighborhood, the white uniforms of workers in the refrigerated meat lockers are already stained red from the beef arriving from the nearby slaughterhouses. The district supplies much of the meat for

the traditional “asados” that are consumed in restaurants and homes in Argentina’s capital.

“Thank God, in Argentina and in these neighborhoods people still eat the asado on weekends but in the future it could get a bit complicated,” said Diego Salvo, who runs The Best Butcher Shop, acknowledging the new trends against meat.

Beef is so deeply ingrained in Argentina’s culture that vegan chefs need great ingenuity to adapt typical dishes to their menus.

At La Reverde, the first vegan grill in Buenos Aires, the house specialty resembles the country’s “bife de chorizo,” a popular cut of boneless beef cooked on a grill. But it is really a “seitan steak,” that is made from wheat gluten and ingredients including beet puree and spices that help create a similar tone to beef.

“I don’t love eating animals,” said Melissa Aruj, a 25-year-old after she finished a seitan cut accompanied by fries. “Without a doubt, I estimate that in 10 to 15 years a

People eat at “La Reverde” vegan restaurant in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Friday, Aug. 30, 2019. At Buenos Aires’ first vegan grill, the house specialty resembles the country’s bife de chorizo, a popular cut of boneless beef cooked on a grill.

large part (of the population) will be vegetarian.”

“I don’t know if they will be vegan,” she added. The change will be “little by little.”

To some activists, just eating vegan is not enough. They have stepped up their actions into militancy.

A group of young people from the animal liberation group Voicot gathered on a recent Saturday to protest at the entrance to a slaughterhouse in Buenos Aires.

“It makes me very sad. Words are not enough for me to apologize to the animals because they have miserable lives. They are born with a date to die,” said one protester, Jazmín Romero, tears in her eyes.

She wore a black shirt proclaiming: “We are the species threatening to destroy everything.”

On the other side of the divide, many Argentines see eating beef as part of their history and culture.

“We aren’t talking about killing the animal for sport. The animal is being transformed into food,” said Bifaretti. “It has been like this throughout the history of humanity.”

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Science & Technology

YouTube to pay \$170M for violating kids' privacy law

WASHINGTON (AP)—Google will pay \$170 million to settle allegations its YouTube video service collected personal data on children without their parents' consent.

The company agreed to work with video creators to label material aimed at kids and said it will limit data collection when users view such videos, regardless of their age.

Some lawmakers and children's advocacy groups, however, complained that the settlement terms aren't strong enough to rein in a company whose parent, Alphabet, made a profit of \$30.7 billion last

year on revenue of \$136.8 billion, mostly from targeted ads.

Google will pay \$136 million to the Federal Trade Commission and \$34 million to New York state, which had a similar investigation. The fine is the largest the FTC has levied against Google, but it's tiny compared with the \$5 billion fine against Facebook this year for privacy violations.

YouTube "baited kids with nursery rhymes, cartoons, and more to feed its massively profitable behavioral advertising business," Democratic Commissioner Rohit Chopra said in a tweet. "It was lucra-

tive, and it was illegal."

The federal government has increased scrutiny of big tech companies in the past two years—especially questioning how the tech giants collect and use personal information from their billions of customers. Many of the huge Silicon Valley companies are also under antitrust investigations aimed at determining whether the companies have unlawfully stifled competition.

Kids under 13 are protected by a 1998 federal law that requires parental consent before companies can collect and share their personal information.

How YouTube is changing what it shows kids

YouTube is changing what it shows kids.

The new business practices, along with \$170 million in fines, settle allegations by the Federal Trade Commission and New York state that YouTube owner Google violated children's online privacy by collecting personal data without parents' permission.

Some of the new responsibilities will be on video creators themselves, as they will have to label videos that are geared toward kids under 13.

Here's a look at what's behind the dispute and what's changing.

WHAT THE LAW SAYS

The FTC's complaint is based on a 1998 federal law called the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act, or COPPA. It bans websites from collecting personal information from children under 13 without their parents' consent.

Tech companies, however, have long skirted this by saying they officially exclude kids from their services, even though they don't really check. A group of privacy advocates asked the FTC in April 2018 to investigate YouTube's compliance.

MIXED MESSAGES

YouTube has long said its service is intended for people ages 13 and older, a message that theoretically kept it in line with that law.

Ask any kid or parent, however, and the reality was far different. Younger kids commonly watch videos on YouTube, and many popular YouTube channels feature cartoons or sing-a-longs made for children. YouTube acknowledged Wednesday that "the likelihood of children watching without supervision has increased" since its founding because there are more shared devices and

a "boom in family content."

The FTC's complaint details how Google boasted about its youthful audience when talking to major advertisers. The FTC includes as evidence Google's visual presentations made to toy companies Mattel and Hasbro where YouTube is described as the "new Saturday Morning Cartoons" and the "#1 website regularly visited by kids."

CHANGES ON YOUTUBE'S MAIN SERVICE

Starting early next year, anyone who uploads a video to YouTube will have to designate whether or not that video is directed at children.

If a video is identified as child-focused, such as a cartoon or the "unboxing" of a new toy, Google has agreed not to put up "behavioral" ads—those that cater to specific viewers based on their age and other social characteristics. Google also won't track the viewers' online identities. Google says these restrictions will be in place even if the viewer is an adult.

But Google will still show generic ads, as well as "contextual" ads—those that cater to the type of content rather than the specific viewer. These typically don't bring in as much money as viewer-specific ads.

And Google is stopping short of seeking parental consent on its main service, even for kids-focused video. The law doesn't require it to, as long as there's no data collection.

CHANGES ON YOUTUBE KIDS

Google already gets parental consent for its kids-focused service, YouTube Kids. But the service has traditionally been used far less frequently—after all, the main service had all the same videos and more.

YouTube said it will start promoting the kids service more aggressively. On Wednesday, kids-focused pages on YouTube's main service had pop-ups suggesting YouTube Kids.

YouTube Kids similarly does not offer behavioral ads targeted at individuals, but it does collect some basic viewer information to recommend videos. It also collects the device's numeric IP address.

YouTube said it will dole out \$100 million over three years to encourage more videos for children.

NEW ONUS ON CREATORS

Google says the changes to the main service will happen in four months to give video creators a chance to adjust. In taking this approach, Google is putting much of the responsibility on video creators themselves, though the company says it will also use artificial intelligence to flag content that targets children but wasn't properly identified as such.

Those who consider the settlement too weak are already concerned about what happens when video creators try to cheat the new system.

Democratic FTC Commissioner Rebecca Kelly Slaughter, in a dissenting opinion, said high-profile companies like Hasbro and Mattel will likely comply, as they won't want to run afoul of federal rules even it means fewer kids seeing their toy promotions.

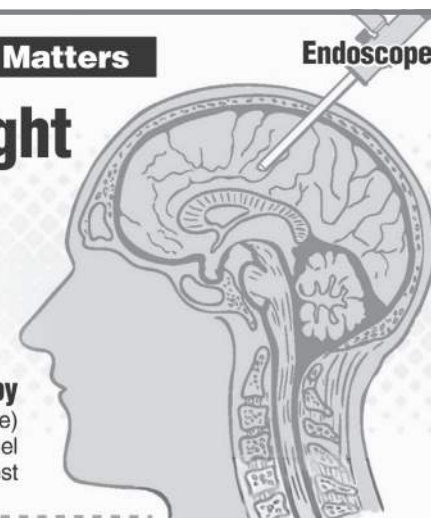
But she said it's less clear how it will curb abuses by the millions of others who post videos on YouTube—especially those outside the United States who are beyond the FTC's "practical reach." (PR)

Science Matters

Ultrasound and light see inside brain

Researchers have found a way to use ultrasound to direct light through tissues to obtain images of the brain and other deep organs without breaking the skin.

Current, invasive endoscopy uses a fiber-optical camera (endoscope) inserted through an incision (or down a channel such as the gut) to see area of interest



Ultrasound-assisted optical imaging

Works because laser light of correct wavelength can penetrate tissue

Surface endoscopy patch

Light beam
Ultrasound waves
AREA OF INTEREST

Source: Maysam Chamanzar of Carnegie Mellon University College of Engineering; Light: Science and Applications journal
Graphic: Helen Lee McComas, Tribune News Service

1 Patch transmits very high-frequency sound waves (ultrasound) through skin and skull, into brain tissue

2 Patch receives echoes back from brain and is positioned over area of interest

3 Ultrasound creates lens of tissue, more transparent to light than usual, that can focus light on area of interest

4 Light penetrates several centimeters of skull and brain tissue without causing injury

5 Reflected light is captured, creating image of area inside brain

Dealing with email issues you can't fix

Q: I wondered why I was getting more than 30 spam emails a day with names such as "Russian Women Online" or "Best Home Warranty." Then I discovered my Outlook.com email account listed many email "subscriptions" I didn't sign up for. When I clicked to "unsubscribe," I was told I'd be taken to a suspicious-sounding website, so just emptied my junk email instead. What can I do?

A: Not a lot. You were wise not to visit a sketchy website to unsubscribe. The unsubscribe function for that spam probably doesn't work, anyway.

If these emails are appearing in your inbox, send them to your "junk email" folder and let Outlook.com do the rest. If enough people designate these emails as junk, Outlook.com's spam filter will begin weeding out the messages before they reach anyone's inbox.

If these emails are already routed to your junk folder, you have done all you can.

Note that when you send a message to "junk email," Outlook.com offers you the option of blocking the sender. Don't bother. The "from" address on spam is usually faked. Even if you do manage to block spam from one address, it will just be sent to you from a different one.

Q: Beginning early last year, my credit card company said that its emails to my Roadrunner email account were being rejected, even though it had provided me with email billing for years. I switched back to paper billing, but now the credit card company has enrolled me in an e-billing trial, and it's not working. The credit card firm said it can't send anything to my email, which is operated by my cable TV provider. (I still get email notifications from my bank and other credit card firms.) What should I do?

A: Others have reported similar problems with Roadrunner email, which is technically obso-

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lete and isn't being updated by its owner, cable company Charter Communications, which does business under the brand name Spectrum.

Charter inherited the Roadrunner email system when it acquired Time Warner Cable in 2016, but has emphasized its own email system instead. In the past, Charter has suggested that Roadrunner customers with email delivery problems delete or transfer some stored email, since the accounts have limited storage space. A better solution would be to switch to a free email account from Gmail, Yahoo, or Outlook, all of which have large storage capacity.

Q: When I click on a Google search result, my Chrome browser often opens a new tab that takes me to a completely different website, usually one that's selling something. When I go back to the search result and click it again, I'm taken to the correct website. What's wrong?

A: You have experienced what's called a "page redirect." Computer browsers have built-in protection against it (to turn on protection in Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Apple Safari and Microsoft's Edge or internet Explorer, see tinyurl.com/y345sheu). To eliminate any potential malware, run the free version of the Malwarebytes security program (see tinyurl.com/jsdackk).

Off the Wall

250 pigs escape; most back, some with help from hot dog buns

About 250 pigs have been causing a ruckus in a Vermont town the past month after they escaped from their enclosure, but most of them had been returned as of Thursday thanks in part to a trail of hot dog buns and good ol' fashioned corralling.

Several farm workers and a couple of volunteers who heard about the loose pigs trudged up and down the dirt road hill Thursday trying to drive any pigs back into the Sugar Mountain Farm in Orange. They chased the animals into the brush, and ditches, working together to position themselves so that they could corral the large sows and boars, which frequently got away.

But farmer Walter Jeffries said most of his pigs have returned home.

"The pigs have been allowed and remain to be allowed in the town right of way so cars are unable to pass, people can't walk on the road because the pigs chase them,"

said Town Clerk Angela Eastman on Thursday.

Jeffries faces tens of thousands of dollars in fines from the town for the pigs that have been spotted on and alongside the town road for weeks, creating a nuisance for drivers and pedestrians, according to the town.

Jeffries said he believes the fence enclosure was damaged by vandalism on the night of Aug. 11, allowing about 50 adult pigs and 200 piglets to escape. He thinks it was the work of a former employee and said he reported it to the police. The farm was also robbed recently of thousands of dollars in tools, he said.

Jeffries said his outdoor farm manager then got injured and wasn't able to repair the fencing.

"So we've been dealing with that ever since," he said Thursday, adding that about 99% of the pigs were back and the fence had been fixed.

Earlier in the day, Eastman said she spotted 16 pigs in the

town right of way. A town official checks daily, counting and taking photos of the animals. The fine is based on the number of pigs in the right-of-way. As of Thursday the town tallied \$81,955, Eastman said.

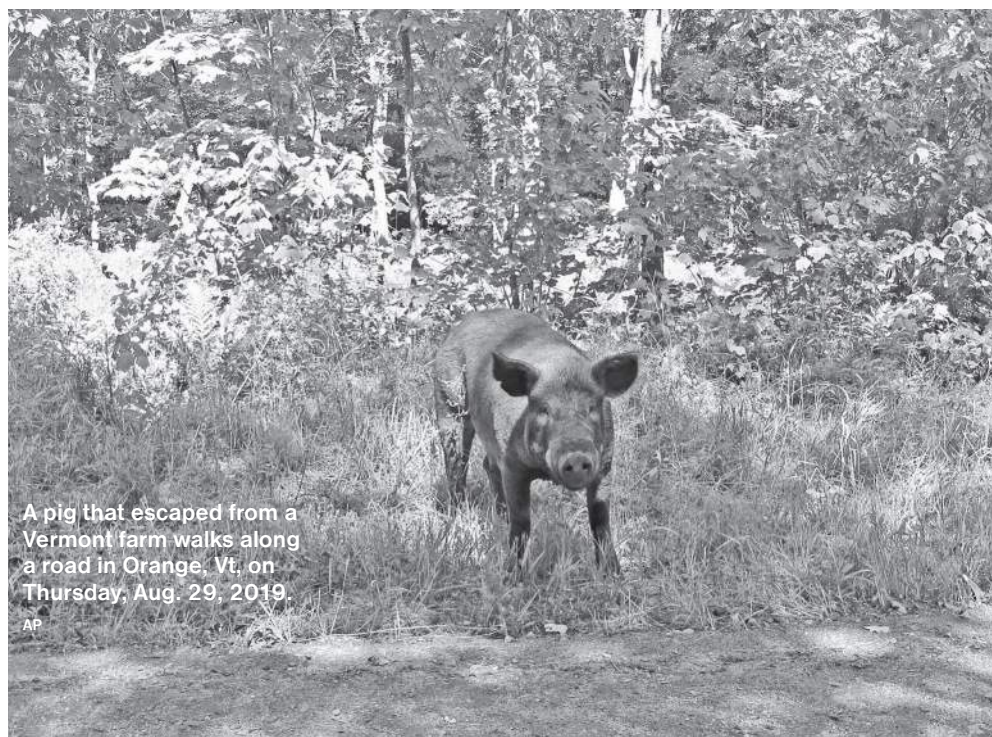
"It is a public hazard," she said of the pigs.

The pigs also got loose last year, she said.

The Vermont Agency of Agriculture is working with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services to determine how much time is appropriate for the farmer to recover the animals before officials take any action, said agency spokesman Scott Waterman.

Agriculture Secretary Anson Tebbetts told NECN that his agency is concerned about public safety as well as creating a feral population of pigs, which can be destructive to property.

"We want to make sure travelers don't run into the animals—hurt the animals, or hurt themselves," he told NECN. (AP)



A pig that escaped from a Vermont farm walks along a road in Orange, Vt. on Thursday, Aug. 29, 2019.

AP

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Woman fell asleep in her parked car, woke to find it missing

HAMILTON, N.J. (AP)—Police in New Jersey say a possible carjacker apparently removed a sleeping 80-year-old woman from her parked car before stealing the vehicle and leaving her in the driveway. Hamilton police say the woman told them she'd fallen asleep in her parked car in a driveway around 9 p.m. Wednesday, but woke to find the vehicle missing at around 4 a.m. on Thursday. Police say the woman didn't remember what happened and had a bruise and abrasion on her face. Authorities found the empty vehicle Thursday afternoon in Trenton. No arrest had been made as of midday Thursday.

Officials: Woman steals \$28K Costco diamond ring after swap

NUTLEY, N.J. (AP)—Authorities say a woman stole a \$28,000 diamond ring from a New Jersey Costco store by replacing it with a much cheaper ring she had stolen from a different Costco. Izaabela Kolano is facing a theft charge. Authorities say the 49-year-old Nutley woman stole a \$2,000 diamond ring Sunday from a store in Wayne. She then traveled to the other store in Clifton and asked to see the other ring. Kolano allegedly gave employees there the cheaper ring in return and left the store with the more expensive one before workers realized what had happened. Authorities eventually found Kolano at her home but couldn't find the ring. They say she eventually told them she hid it on dead-end street in nearby town, and officers found it. It's not known if Kolano has retained an attorney.

Moose on the loose at North Dakota football practice field

GRAND FORKS, N.D. (AP)—A female moose looked like she was trying out for running back as she loped across a football practice field at the University of North Dakota. University spokesman David Dodds says the moose wandered into Grand Forks overnight and found its way onto old Memorial Stadium on campus Tuesday morning. Dodds says all the gates have been shut, and the animal is being confined to the practice field until the moose can be safely released. UND Police tweeted video of the moose running on the practice field and asked everyone to stay away "so that the moose doesn't become stressed or panicked." In the meantime, North Dakota football players are practicing next door for Saturday's game against rival North Dakota State in Fargo.

S. Carolina turtle patrol group finds two-headed hatchling

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (AP)—A group that monitors sea turtles in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, has reported finding a two-headed Loggerhead hatchling. News outlets report Sea Turtle Patrol Hilton Head Island says the hatchling was found alive Tuesday and released into the ocean. The group's leader, marine biologist Amber Kuehn, says a genetic mutation caused the second head on the turtle, since named Squirt and Crush. The group shared a picture of the turtle on Facebook on Wednesday that showed the creature's small body partially eclipsed by a gloved hand. The post wished the turtle good luck. Kuehn says Crush and Squirt couldn't really swim, as the heads controlled separate flippers and weren't working together.

Connecticut man walking from Yankee Stadium to Fenway Park

WARWICK, R.I. (AP)—A 76-year-old Connecticut man is walking from Yankee Stadium to Fenway Park in an effort to promote peace and not just between the two fan bases. Al Forte, of Stamford, Connecticut, tells the Providence Journal, he's asking people along the way to pray for peace on earth, handing out cards showing six soldiers praying. Forte began his trek after a Red Sox-Yankees game on Aug. 4 and plans to arrive in Boston in time for a game between the two clubs on Friday night. He has a friend who picks him up each night and takes him to a hotel, then drives him back to where he left off in the morning to continue his journey. Forte won't see which team he roots for, describing himself as a former Brooklyn Dodgers fan.

Anonymous flyer denies 'Sasquatch' reason for bridge closure

BRADFORD, Vt. (AP)—An anonymous flyer denying that Bigfoot is behind the prolonged closure of a bridge in a Vermont town has got locals talking about the mythical forest creatures. The flyer first spotted at the Bradford post office said the prolonged closure of the Creamery Bridge over the Waits River was not due to the "displacement of or intrusion on a 'Sasquatch' or Bigfoot, either a single creature or several." Last week Dartmouth College Professor Alexander Chee posted a photo of the flyer to Twitter. Since then, copies have been popping up across town. Local resident Claudia Johnson tells MyNBC5 she thinks there's a local Bigfoot because she's heard unexplained rustling behind her home. State transportation officials say the bridge is scheduled to be fixed in October.

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Mass is being offered at Mount Carmel, 6:00 a.m. beginning on August 29, 2019 to September 6, 2019. On Sunday, September 1, 2019, mass will be at 9:00 a.m. On the final day, September 6, 2019, dinner of appreciation will be served at family residence in Dandan.



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Life & Style

Feds: Man sold rapper Mac Miller drugs before overdose death

New women accuse opera legend Placido Domingo of harassment

The glittering production was a high point of the Washington Opera's 1999-2000 season: Jules Massenet's "Le Cid," about a legendary Spanish conqueror, starring a tenor legendary in his own right—Placido Domingo, then the company's artistic director.

The opera, also being filmed for broadcast on public television, was unquestionably a career break for a 28-year-old singer named Angela Turner Wilson, who'd been cast as the second female lead and was singled out for praise in reviews. "I knew this was the start of big things for me," she says now.

But one evening before a performance, she said, she and Domingo were having their makeup done together when he rose from his chair, stood behind her and put his

hands on her shoulders. As she looked at him in the mirror, he suddenly slipped his hands under her bra straps, she said, then reached down into her robe and grabbed her bare breast.

"It hurt," she told The Associated Press. "It was not gentle. He groped me hard." She said Domingo then turned and walked away, leaving her stunned and humiliated.

Wilson, now 48 and a college voice teacher in the Dallas area, was one of 11 women to come forward after an Aug. 13 AP story in which numerous women accused the long-married, Spanish-born superstar of sexual harassment or inappropriate, sexually charged behavior and of sometimes damaging their careers if they rejected him.



Domingo

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A Los Angeles man was arrested Wednesday on charges that he sold counterfeit opioid pills to Mac Miller two days before the rapper died of an overdose.

A Drug Enforcement Agency affidavit unsealed after the arrest of Cameron James Pettit alleges that Miller asked him for oxycodone and other drugs, but on Sept. 5, 2018, Pettit gave Miller counterfeit oxycodone pills laced with the powerful opioid fentanyl.

Pettit, 28, who lives in the Hollywood Hills, appeared in

court Wednesday but did not enter a plea. A judge ordered him held without bail and appointed him a public defender.

The 26-year-old Miller, who was known to many as Ariana Grande's ex-boyfriend but was a respected rapper in his own right, was found dead by his assistant at his San Fernando Valley home on Sept. 7, 2018.

An autopsy found that Miller died from an acciden-

tal overdose, via a combination of fentanyl, cocaine and alcohol.

Authorities found drugs they believe were from Pettit in Miller's home, and evidence that Miller had crushed and sniffed oxycodone provided by Pettit.

Pettit has only been charged with providing the drugs, however, and not with having a direct role in Miller's death. It was not immediately known if he had an attorney, and no rela-



Miller

Stanford sex assault victim reveals her identity in book

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The woman who read a searing statement at the sentencing of the college swimmer who sexually assaulted her at Stanford University—causing a public outcry that led to the judge in the case being recalled—has revealed her identity.

For years, Chanel Miller was known in legal proceedings as "Emily Doe," the woman assaulted while unconscious by Brock Turner outside an on-campus fraternity house. She identifies herself in a memoir,

"Know My Name," scheduled to be released Sept. 24.

The Associated Press does not usually identify victims of sex crimes, but Miller has identified herself. CBS will air an interview with her Sept. 22, and the New York Times published a story about the book Wednesday.

Miller's author page on Penguin Random House's website describes her as a San Francisco resident and a writer and artist with a degree in literature from the University of

California, Santa Barbara.

A jury found Turner guilty of assaulting Miller while she was incapacitated by alcohol in January 2015. The emotional victim impact statement Miller read at his sentencing went viral, serving as a rallying cry for victims of sexual abuse.

In it, she detailed how the assault and the aftermath affected her life.

"My independence, natural joy, gentleness, and steady lifestyle I had been enjoying

became distorted beyond recognition. I became closed off, angry, self-deprecating, tired, irritable, empty," Miller wrote.

Many people were enraged when Turner was sentenced to six months in jail in 2016 after his conviction for felony sexual assault, more than a year before the #MeToo movement took off.

Judge Aaron Persky, who imposed the sentence, was recalled by voters in 2018, the first judge to be recalled in California since 1932.

Magistrate Judge Maria A. Audero cited that message in denying bail to Pettit, saying it suggested he is flight risk.




Audero also said Pettit has no assets or family members willing to post bail.

IN CELEBRATION OF HIS NEW LIFE

†JUAN IGLECIAS DELEON GUERRERO

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WAS CALLED BY OUR ALMIGHTY FATHER TO ETERNAL REST AT THE AGE OF 59 YEARS.



In his new life, he joins his:

Parents: Joaquin Cabrera and Consolacion Iglecias Deleon Guerrero

Brother: Crispin I. Deleon Guerrero

Parents-in-law: Joaquin Torres and Margarita Mendiola Sablan

Brothers-in-law: Herman M. Pablo, Vicente T. Attao, and Antonio P. Rabago

Sisters-in-law: Catherine F. Deleon Guerrero, Rosita B. Deleon Guerrero, Mercedes SN. Deleon Guerrero, Josepha K. Camacho, and Lydia M. Sablan

His memories will live in the hearts of his:

Wife: Viola Sablan Deleon Guerrero

Children: Connita Deleon Guerrero and Frankie Benavente Camacho (Irieana, Kaiana, and Viviana); Jonakin Sablan Deleon Guerrero; and Viola Marie Sablan Deleon Guerrero

Reared Daughter: Connie Cruz Williams (Terrence Jr. and Teonnie)

Brothers, Sisters, and In-law: Alfredo I. and Remedio C. Deleon Guerrero and family; Artemio I. and †Mercedes SN. Deleon Guerrero and family; Delfina DLG. and Mike Sherman and family; Rosa DLG. and †Herman M. Pablo and family; Rita O. and Antonio Rivera and family; Jose I. and Susana V. Deleon Guerrero and family; †Crispin I. and †Catherine F. Deleon Guerrero, Filipina G. Deleon Guerrero and family; Efrain I. and Hilda G. Deleon Guerrero and family; Joaquin I. and †Rosita B. Deleon Guerrero and family; Winifreda DLG. and Felix T. Mendiola and family; Congressman Lorenzo I. and Sinforosa V. Deleon Guerrero and family; Begonia DLG. Cruz and family; Antonio I. and Lourdes S. Deleon Guerrero and family; and Jesus I. Deleon Guerrero and †Josepha K. Camacho and family.

Brothers and Sisters-in-law: †Lydia M. Sablan and family; Evelyn S. and Bertran A. Torres and family; Mary Lee M. Sablan and family; Anicia S. and Diego Sasamoto and family; Joseph M. and Ruby D. Sablan and family; Josephine S. and †Antonio P. Rabago and family; Merced M. Sablan and Glenn H. Manglona and family; and Joaquin Jr. and Josepha C. Sablan and family

Loyal family Friend: Felicitas Gabuyo

He is additionally survived by numerous aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, cousins, and Godchildren.

Daily masses of intention are offered at San Vicente Church followed by nightly rosary:
Friday: Mass 6:00 p.m.
Saturday: Mass 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: Mass 5:30 p.m.
Monday: Mass 6:00 p.m.

On Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at 7:30 a.m., our Beloved Juan will be escorted from the Borja Funeral Home to San Jose Church for viewing and last respects. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m., followed by interment at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Your prayers, thoughts, and presences are greatly appreciated. Si Yu'us Ma'ase and Thank You,
Viola Sablan Deleon Guerrero and Family

Margaret Atwood writes sequel to 'The Handmaid's Tale'

TORONTO (AP)—From a park bench on the Victoria College campus, Margaret Atwood—class of 1961—can trace her life of the mind.

"It was here that I decided to become a Victorian (literature student) at a time when it wasn't at all fashionable. They were considered gauche, kitsch, sentimental, absurd," she says, remembering the times she would dash back and forth across the park to take English classes on one side and history and philosophy on the other. "But the foundations of women's equality—John Stuart Mill, those kinds of thinkers—were Victorians and the position of women was a real hotbed topic, extending

all the way from proper undergarments to higher education.

"One of my cherished facts is that women weren't allowed into classical art schools because they might see naked women," she adds with a laugh. "What a shock!"

Atwood is among the world's most celebrated authors and most famous Canadians, but on this humid afternoon she is undisturbed by passersby, beyond a few who momentarily turn their heads to look at the woman in the dark sun hat and blue buttoned shirt.

Just months shy of her 80th birthday, the longtime Toronto

resident has otherwise never been more noticed. She has written the year's most anticipated novel, "The Testaments," the sequel to her classic "The Handmaid's Tale" and a Booker Prize finalist. Its contents were so guarded over the summer that early review copies were sent under a different title for fear of their being stolen.

In December, Atwood will be honored in New York by the Center for Fiction, which has given its first ever On Screen Award to her and to Hulu executives for the Emmy-winning adaptation of "The Handmaid's Tale." Hulu and MGM

are now planning a series based on "The Testaments."

Atwood is a literary writer who tries not to act like one, taking mock umbrage—"Of course. What do you take me for?"—when asked if she has read "The Hunger Games." She apologizes for being "too erudite," although she can no more avoid being erudite than she can avoid speaking at all. Whatever the subject—Victorian literature, resistance movements, "Game of Thrones"—she is not only knowledgeable, but interesting—interesting and funny, interesting and incisive. Her voice, like her writing, is level and pointed, with the slightest inflection turning the

mood toward irony, scandal or foreboding.

"There is a great wit along with the breaking of rules taking place" in her books, says fellow author and Canadian Michael Ondaatje. "And as an individual she has been a remarkably brave spirit, supporting many causes to do with writers and politics."

Atwood has written more than 40 books—novels, story collections, essays and poems—and her awards include the Booker Prize for "The Blind Assassin" and Canada's Giller Prize for "Alias Grace." She is a feminist hero who in the introduction to a recent edition of "The Handmaid's Tale" defines a feminist novel

not as idealizing women, but humanizing them, with "all the variety and character and behavior that implies."

"The Handmaid's Tale," published in 1985, is well settled alongside "1984," "The Origins of Totalitarianism" and others in the canon of books warning us how bad bad can be. In the Republic of Gilead, formed in what was Cambridge, Massachusetts, after a radical coup, women are confined within a strict caste system that determines how they dress, how they are named (some for the men they serve) and with whom they may bear children. They are forbidden to vote, have jobs, or read or write.



Atwood

R. Kelly's daughter says music 'saved my life'

NEW YORK (AP)—For a long time, Buku Abi ran away from pursuing music.

Although she is the daughter of one of pop music's most popular and successful singer-songwriters, her father is also among the most infamous: He is R. Kelly, currently in jail, facing multiple charges of sexual abuse and sex trafficking.

"I think you get to see a different side of it than somebody who sees it from the outside and gets to see the glitz and glam. I got to see the hell part of it," said 21-year-old Abi, born Joann Kelly, in a recent interview with The Associated Press. "I didn't want to be in the industry."

Even before she was born, her father was under scrutiny for his interactions with young women: He had secretly married his then-protégé, Aaliyah,

when the late R&B sensation was just 15 in 1994. But by the time Abi was a child, while Kelly was still a multiplatinum star raking up hit after hit, he was also on trial, accused of child pornography (he would eventually be acquitted in 2008).

Abi said going to public school for the first time as an early teen was challenging—there she heard stories about her father that she had not heard before.

"At home it's normal, you're living a life with your parents; your dad and mom aren't going to go into all the bad things that might be going on outside of home," she said, "but kids in school don't necessarily care. Fifth and sixth grade is when I started learning the sore part of it, the not so good part. I think that was

the hardest part for me because for so long I went with this image of who my dad (was) and what my family (was)."

Things were so bad in school, she even contemplated suicide. But though school is where her life almost ended, it's also where she felt it truly began: She recalls singing on-stage in high school during a performance, which she said "literally felt like drugs."

"I needed more of this," she added. "Clearly I can't keep running from this anymore. Ever since then, I've been in it and it's literally saved my life."

Entering the music business comes with a different challenge for Abi: She can't escape the fact that R. Kelly is her father. She is no longer in touch with him and says being his daughter is like "a double-edged sword."

"I definitely run across challenges—people wanting to work with me to spite him or people not wanting to work with me just because of who he is," she said. "I've definitely come across turmoil ... being judged for really no reason at all, just based off associations. I've been pushing through it. Me making the art, it saved my life so there's nothing really that would be able to stop me."

Abi decided not to use the name her parents gave her in her career. She settled on the stage name Buku Abi about three years ago after first going by the name Ariirayé. In the last five years she's been hard at work on her debut EP, "Don't Call Me," released this March. Her sister Jaah Kelly produced the album, which echoes SZA and other millennial artists in the alternative R&B world.

Bob Newhart marks his 90th birthday, calls laughter the key

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Congratulate Bob Newhart on turning 90 on Thursday, and he offers a polite critique in return.

"I'm not crazy about the term 'turning,'" he says, chuckling. "Sounds like the leaves are going to fall off. I'm becoming 90."

As is true of the best comedians, Newhart is an impeccable wordsmith and has the career highlights and enduring success to prove his mastery. An inarguable description of Newhart's precise and singularly droll take on life: ageless.

"The Button-Down Mind Of Bob Newhart," released in 1960, was the first comedy record to hit No. 1 on the Billboard pop album chart and made him the only standup, still, to win a Grammy as best new art-

ist. He scored TV hits with "The Bob Newhart Show" in the 1970s and "Newhart" in the '80s, and delighted 21st-century viewers with his Emmy-winning turn as Professor Proton on "The Big Bang Theory."

The typed page of his famed bit in which President Abraham Lincoln gets image advice from a marketing consultant is going into the Smithsonian's popular culture collection.

Work keeps coming his way, including requests to mark his birthday on stage. But he decided he'd rather spend the day with his wife of 56 years, Ginnie, and their family. The Chicago-area native talked about his staying power and early career to The Associated Press, with the interview edited for clarity and length.



Newhart

Timothée Chalamet makes a big impression in Venice

VENICE, Italy (AP)—Timothée Chalamet made a movie star's debut at the 76th Venice International Film Festival this week for his Henry V film "The King," wearing a bold silver suit and silky blouse from French-Colombian designer Haider Ackermann for his walk down the red carpet.

The 23-year-old Oscar nominee says his fashion choices are just a fun part of it. He says male actors in the past might have felt pressure to avoid using wardrobe as self-expression.

"It's just a fun part of it," Chalamet said Tuesday after the premiere. "It feels like there's no allowance for it as self-expression. Male actors in years past felt a certain pressure to not, but I just think it's a lot of fun."

"The King" director and co-writer David Michôd told his star that he was in awe of Chalamet's embrace of the unconventional.

"While you were probably putting that thing on, I was up in my hotel room complaining to my girlfriend about having to put on a suit. And I'm just causing

myself to suffer," Michôd said. "Why not have fun?"

In the film, partially inspired by several Shakespeare plays, Chalamet plays a young Henry V who reluctantly becomes King of England after his father dies.

It was the first part he took following his Oscar nomination for "Call Me By Your Name" and is just a portion of his busy fall. He's also playing Laurie in Greta Gerwig's adaptation of "Little Women," which is due in theaters this Christmas. Chalamet said he hadn't seen the film yet, just little bits during additional dialogue recording (ADR) sessions.

The young star has caused a commotion nearly everywhere he's turned up, with hordes of fans swarming him for autographs and photos—from the red carpet to even press conferences. Chalamet obliged where possible.

"That's a very rare experience," Chalamet insisted.

Michôd, looking on, disagreed slightly just based on his own observations of how the crowds have been reacting in Venice.



Actor Timothee Chalamet poses for photographers upon arrival at the premiere of the film 'The King' at the 76th edition of the Venice Film Festival, Venice, Italy, Monday, Sept. 2, 2019.

AP

April trial date set in R. Kelly's federal case in Chicago

CHICAGO (AP)—A judge Wednesday set an April 27 trial date in R. Kelly's federal case in Chicago that accuses the R&B star of child pornography and obstruction of justice.

But Judge Harry Leinenweber left open the possibility of changing the date later after Kelly attorney Steve Greenberg said having to prepare for trials in three other districts meant the defense may not be ready by April.

In all, Kelly faces 40 counts of state and federal sexual misconduct charges in Illinois, Minnesota and New York, from sexual assault to heading a racketeering scheme aimed at finding girls for Kelly.

Greenberg told the judge Kelly's legal team had "limited resources" and "voluminous" potential evidence from

four cases to wade through, saying a single disc turned over in the New York case contained 9,000 subfolders.

Kelly, 52, stood in court during a Wednesday status hearing in orange jail clothes and slippers, his hands behind his back. Several supporters waved as marshals led him back to jail and he nodded in their direction.

The hearing came a day after Kelly was transferred from a restrictive unit at a Chicago federal jail into the general inmate population despite earlier concerns inmates might target him because he is a celebrity.

Another defense attorney, Michael Leonard, told reporters after Wednesday's hearing that Kelly was in his best emotional state since his detention in July because he was no longer isolated in jail.

New 'It' film portrays painful true chapter of LGBT history

BANGOR, Maine (AP)—Moviegoers from Maine who watch the film "It: Chapter Two" this weekend might recognize a scene that draws on a painful event from the state's history.

The scene involves a gay character named Adrian Mel-

lon being attacked by teenagers and his subsequent encounter with Pennywise the Clown. The scene is based on real-life Bangor resident Charlie Howard, who was attacked and thrown off the city's State Street Bridge in 1984.

Stephen King tells the Bangor Daily News that the killing still had currency when he was writing the book on which the movie is based.

"At the time I started writing 'It,' the Howard murder had just happened. It was fresh in my mind and fitted my idea of Derry as a place where terrible things happened," King said. "And, maybe needless to say, I was outraged. It was a hate crime."

In the book, Mellon, like Howard, is in his 20s and was walking home with a male friend when he encountered homophobic teenagers. The scenes play out in a similar fashion, except



the book and movie feature an appearance by the garish clown who lives in the sewer.

The scene is not included in the 1990 TV miniseries, but

that changes with "It: Chapter Two," with the character of Mellon being portrayed by Xavier Dolan.

King said in 2014 on the

In this Monday, Aug. 26, 2019 file photo, from left, cast members Sophia Lillis, Chosen Jacobs, Jeremy Ray Taylor, Wyatt Oleff, Jaeden Martell, Jack Dylan Grazer and Finn Wolfhard arrive at the Los Angeles premiere of "It: Chapter 2," at the Regency Village Theatre. The movie opens Thursday, Sept. 5.

30th anniversary of Howard's killing that the Bangor community doesn't bear responsibility for the crime.

"But it's our town. We live here," he said. "Which means we have to live with Charlie, and continue trying to make it right."

Police: Man broke into Taylor Swift's home, took off shoes

WESTERLY, R.I. (AP)—Police say a man who broke into Taylor Swift's beachfront mansion in Rhode Island took his shoes off because he wanted to be polite. Westerly police who responded to the home just after 5 p.m. Friday found 26-year-old Richard Joseph McEwan inside.

Police Chief Shawn Lacey tells The Westerly Sun the Milford, New Jersey man wasn't wearing shoes. When

asked why, he said he was always taught to take his shoes off when entering someone's home to be polite.

He's charged with breaking and entering and willful trespassing. Online court records did not list a defense attorney.

Lacey says his officers have had to deal with several suspicious people at the singer's home, but this is the first time he remembers someone making it inside.

He says no one was home.

Scarlett Johansson stands by Woody Allen: 'I believe him'

NEW YORK (AP)—Scarlett Johansson says she's standing by Woody Allen because, "I believe him."

Much of Hollywood has distanced itself from the filmmaker since the MeToo movement prompted a re-examination of child sexual abuse allegations from his now-grown daughter, Dylan. Michael Caine, Timothee Chalamet and Greta Gerwig are among the actors who have publicly expressed regret over working with him.

"I love Woody," Johansson told The Hollywood Reporter in an interview released on Wednesday. "I believe him, and I would work with him anytime."

Allen helped boost Jo-

hansson to the A-list. He directed her in "Match Point," "Scoop" and "Vicky Cristina Barcelona." She said she has spoken to Allen about the accusations and he maintains his innocence. He has never been criminally charged.

Johansson is active in women's issues and was among early supporters of Time's Up.

"It's hard because it's a time where people are very fired up, and understandably," she said. "Things needed to be stirred up, and so people have a lot of passion and a lot of strong feelings and are angry, and rightfully so. It's an intense time."

Johansson said she has had numerous conversations with

Allen about his past.

"I have been very direct with him, and he's very direct with me," she said.

Allen has yet to find a U.S. distributor for his films since Amazon pulled his deal last year. Allen has filed a \$68 million lawsuit against Amazon.

At the Women's March in Washington last year, Johansson spoke about the importance of Planned Parenthood and women's health. She criticized James Franco for wearing a Time's Up pin to the Golden Globes just before the Los Angeles Times reported that five women accused him of sexual misconduct. Franco denies the allegations.

He should have told his aunt and his cousin the two of you are a team three years ago. If he doesn't have enough starch in his spine to do that, it will eventually destroy your marriage.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Marcus," and I recently adopted an adorable rescue puppy, "Daisy." She was supposed to be mostly my boyfriend's dog because I work a demanding full-time job, and I have a cat that lives with us. Marcus has always been a dog person, but I enjoy them, too.

The problem is, Daisy has taken a liking to me. When I'm home, she follows me everywhere. I suspect, due to her behavior, that she may have been mistreated by men previously, but nonetheless, Marcus is extremely hurt. He won't take her outside if I'm home, and he doesn't try to play with her or train her. Every time she rejects him in any way, he takes it personally.

We signed Daisy up for a puppy training class. He participated for about five minutes before giving up and handing me the leash during the first lesson. How do I get my boyfriend to stop taking our puppy's behavior so personally? I should note, we went through this when my cat didn't like him at first, but they are on good terms now.

PET PROBLEM IN WASHINGTON

DEAR PROBLEM: It has been my experience that dogs respond more positively to the person who regularly feeds, exercises and plays with them and shows them affection, than to a partner who remains passive. The more Marcus

Grammy-winning songwriter LaShawn Daniels dies in car crash

LOS ANGELES (AP)—LaShawn Daniels, a Grammy Award-winning songwriter who penned songs for Beyoncé, Whitney Houston and Lady Gaga has died. He was 41.

Daniels' wife April said in a statement that her husband died in a car accident Tuesday in South Carolina. He earned a Grammy in 2001 for his songwriting work on Destiny Child's "Say My Name."

Daniels co-wrote sev-

eral Grammy-nominated songs including Tamar Braxton's "Love and War," Toni Braxton's "He Wasn't Man Enough" and "The Boy is Mine," a track featuring Brandy and Monica.

He also contributed on Be-

yoncé's "Telephone," Jennifer Lopez's "If You Had My Love" and Michael Jackson's "You Rock My World."

His wife, April Daniels, called her husband a "man of extraordinary faith and a pillar in our family."

911 audio details scene after crash that injured Kevin Hart

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A 911 call released Wednesday describes the moments after Kevin Hart was seriously injured after his muscle car crashed on a mountainous Southern California roadway.

The witness describes a man believed to be Hart and telling a dispatcher that he "looked like he's hurting."

The eyewitness account is part of 911 audio recordings released by the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

A California Highway Patrol collision report said Hart was a passenger in a 1970 Plymouth Barracuda that went

off Mulholland Highway and rolled down an embankment early Sunday.

Also in the vehicle were Jared Black, who was driving, and his fiancée, Rebecca Broxterman. The report said Black was not under the influence of alcohol.

The witness also described Black as appearing to be seriously hurt. The witness also said the roof of the totaled vehicle was "crushed" with smashed in doors. He said he was at the accident "with another car that pulled over to help" adding "only one car" went off the highway.

The CHP said Hart, 40, and Black, 28, suffered "major back injuries." Hart's wife has said the actor-comedian will be fine.

Broxterman, 31, only complained of pain.

The report said Hart had left the scene to his nearby residence to get medical attention. He and Black were ultimately taken to different hospitals.

It remains unclear how the accident will affect Hart, who has emerged from his roots in standup comedy to become one a major Hollywood star. His next major release, "Jumanji: The Next Level," is scheduled for release in December.

Husband won't defend wife from shunning by his family

DEAR ABBY: I am a 47-year-old woman, married to the love of my life for seven years. Three years ago, my husband's cousin and her mother told him they didn't like me and didn't want me around. I only found out about it two years ago.

I feel humiliated, and it's uncomfortable for me to be around any of them now. I don't get invited most of the time, and that's OK with my husband! I want him to address and resolve it, but he hasn't and won't. In addition, we have had some major marital issues.

I want him to stand up for me, for us and for our marriage. I haven't done anything wrong, but I feel like I'm being punished because he won't take a stand. He and his family have swept the whole thing under the rug for so long that neither of us knows what to do next. Please kindly advise.

CAST ASIDE IN TEXAS

DEAR CAST ASIDE: You say you and your husband have had major marital issues. Did the two of you receive counseling to resolve them, or were they, too, swept under the rug? I think some sessions with a licensed marriage and family counselor might be helpful.

I am not saying your husband should fight your battles for you, but ignoring this problem is not helping your marriage. He has to find the courage to tell these relatives that if they have a problem with you, they should address it with you. If he doesn't, you should approach them directly.

DEAR ABBY

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withdraws from Daisy, the more pronounced her attachment to you will become. Urge him to discuss this with the dog trainer, so perhaps the situation can be put right.

Caveat: If this is the way your boyfriend reacts to perceived rejection, I'd think twice about starting a family with him if I were you.

CHUCKLE FOR THE DAY: "My grandmother started walking five miles a day when she was 60 years old. She's 97 now, and we don't know where the hell she is."

— Ellen DeGeneres

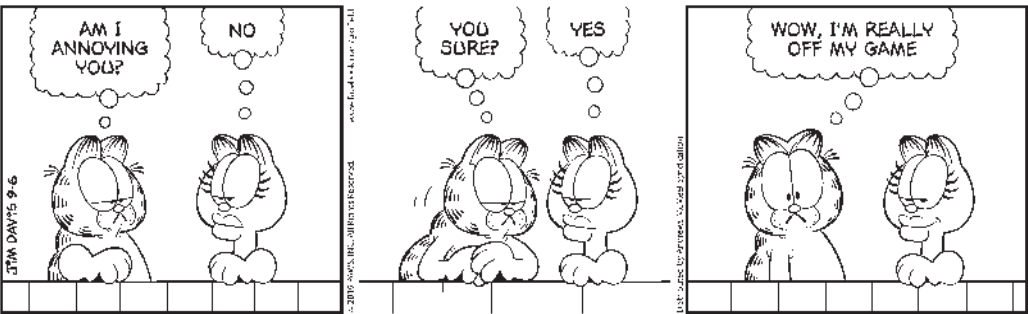
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Yesterday's answer 9-6

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Idris Elba, 47; Rosie Perez, 55; Jane Curtin, 72; Swoosie Kurtz, 75.

Happy Birthday: Stay focused on what's important. Don't lose sight of your goal or the budget you set. Listen to your heart, but don't give in to someone asking you to take a risk or to do something impractical. Your ability to maneuver from one point to another with precision and accuracy is sufficient. Do your own thing, and allow others the same freedom. Your numbers are 2, 13, 21, 25, 33, 9, 46.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You'll gain knowledge if you are observant. A short trip will turn into a learning experience. Broaden your outlook, make new friends and consider how best to curb bad habits and improve your life. A positive change is within reach. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may know what you want, but if you leave arrangements to someone who likes to spend, you will end up paying for something you don't need or want. Stay in control in order to avoid regret. Romance is featured. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Problems will surface if you are too lenient. Don't give anyone the upper hand. It's crucial to control situations that can affect your position, reputation or relationship with someone you love. Trust must be earned, not bought. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Stick close to home. Monitor projects that could quickly go over budget. Don't share information

that could be used against you. Someone will look for an excuse to not fulfill a promise made. Be ready to take over if someone falters. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Stick to what and who you know. If you trust someone who is unpredictable or takes risks, it will lead to regret. Do something that makes you happy but doesn't cost you financially, emotionally or where your position or reputation are concerned. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Refuse to let temptation get the best of you. Abstain from too much food, drink or anything else, for that matter. A minimalist approach to life and what you spend will lead to contentment instead of stress. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Set a pace you know you can maintain. You will be disappointed if you underestimate what's possible. Study your options, and take on what you know you can complete. Don't share secrets if you don't want them revealed. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Get together with people who share your concerns, and you'll be able to make a contribution that will make a difference. Spending time with someone you love will lead to affirmative plans that will make your life better. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Give only what you can. If someone is asking for too much, know enough to say no. Trying to win someone's attention by doing things that go against your moral fiber will not improve your relationship. Honesty is the best policy. ★★★

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Put everything in perspective, and do your best to live up to your promises. Your hard work will pay off as long as you are realistic. Question what you are doing to make the world a better place. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Stay focused on honoring your promises and making sure others do the same. Keeping the momentum flowing will make it easier to reach your destination. Realize who is for change and who isn't before you begin to dismantle your situation. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your involvement in a group or organization will help you bring about changes that may otherwise be difficult on your own. Take note if anyone is taking advantage of you or what you are trying to accomplish. ★★

Birthday Baby: You are enthusiastic, playful and generous. You are ambitious and flexible.

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

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DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:

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Perform work involving the skills of two or more maintenance or craft occupations to keep machines, mechanical equipment, or the structure of an establishment in repair. Duties may involve pipe fitting, boiler making, insulating, welding, machining, carpentry; repairing electrical or mechanical equipment; installing, aligning, and balancing new equipment; and repairing boilers, floors, or stairs. Inspect, operate or test machinery or equipment to diagnose machine malfunctions. Dismantle machines, equipment, or devices to access and remove defective parts, using hoists, cranes, hand tools, or power tools. Perform routine maintenance, such as inspecting drives, motors, or belts, checking fluid levels, replacing filters, or doing other preventive maintenance actions. Diagnose mechanical problems and determine how to correct them, checking blueprints, repair manuals, or parts catalogs, as necessary. Repair machines, equipment, or structures, using tools such as hammers, hoists, saws, drills, wrenches, or equipment such as precision measuring instruments or electrical or electronic testing devices

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Diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul automotive vehicles. Repair automobiles, trucks, buses, and other vehicles. Master mechanics repair virtually any part on the vehicle or specialize in the transmission system. Test drive vehicles and test components and systems, using equipment such as infrared engine analyzers, compression gauges, and computerized diagnostic devices. Test and adjust repaired systems to meet manufacturers' performance specifications. Repair, refline, replace, and adjust brakes. Review work orders and discuss work with supervisors. Confer with customers to obtain descriptions of vehicle problems and to discuss work to be performed and future repair requirements.

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DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:
Receive orders, generally in person, for repairs, rentals, and services. May describe available options, compute costs, and accept payment. Greet customers and discuss the type, quality, and quantity of merchandise sought for rental. Compute charges for merchandise or services and receive payments. Answer telephones to provide information and receive orders. Provide information about rental items, such as availability, operation, or description. Rent items, arrange for provision of services to customers, and accept returns.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:

- High School Graduate;
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DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:
Prepare asset, liability and capital account entries by compiling and analyzing transaction information. Prepare financial statements and reports. Analyze financial information and communicate recommendations to management. Prepare and file required tax returns for local and federal revenue authorities. Accomplish related duties as assigned.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:
Bachelor's Degree in accounting
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DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:
Diagnose cause of most malfunctions and performs repair of vehicles. Examines vehicle to determine if further safety or service work is required or recommended. Road tests vehicles when required. Accomplish related duties as assigned.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:
High school diploma required.
At least 2 years experience as Automotive Service Technician & Mechanic is required.

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DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:
Operate one or several types of power construction equipment, such as motor graders, bulldozers, scrapers, compactors, pumps, derricks, shovels, tractors, or front-end loaders to excavate, move, and grade earth, erect structures, or pour concrete or other hard surface pavement. May repair and maintain equipment in addition to other duties. Learn and follow safety regulations. Take actions to avoid potential hazards or obstructions, such as utility lines, other equipment, other workers, or falling objects. Locate underground services, such as pipes or wires, prior to beginning work. Monitor operations to ensure that health and safety standards are met. Adjust hand wheels and depress pedals to control attachments, such as blades, buckets, scrapers, or swing booms.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:

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- Knowledge in operating and controlling power construction equipment and in monitoring of gauges, dials or other indicators to make sure that the equipment is working properly.

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Diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul automotive vehicles. Repair automobiles, trucks, buses, and other vehicles. Test drive vehicles and test components and systems, using equipment such as infrared engine analyzers, compression gauges, and computerized diagnostic devices. Test and adjust repaired systems to meet manufacturers' performance specifications. Repair, refline, replace, and adjust brakes. Review work orders and discuss work with supervisors. Confer with customers to obtain descriptions of vehicle problems and to discuss work to be performed and future repair requirements.

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DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:
Smooth and finish surfaces of poured concrete, such as floors, walks, sidewalks, roads, or curbs using a variety of hand and power tools. Align forms for sidewalks, curbs, or gutters, patch voids, and use saws to cut expansion joints. Check the forms that hold the concrete to see that they are properly constructed. Set the forms that hold concrete to the desired pitch and depth, and align them. Spread, level, and smooth concrete, using rake, shovel, hand or power trowel, hand or power screed, and float. Monitor how the wind, heat, or cold affect the curing of the concrete throughout the entire process. Mold expansion joints and edges, using edging tools, jointers, and straightedge.

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DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:
Help painters, paperhangers, plasterers, or stucco masons by performing duties requiring less skill. Duties include using, supplying or holding materials or tools, and cleaning work area and equipment. Clean work areas and equipment. Perform support duties to assist painters, paperhangers, plasterers, or masons. Apply protective coverings, such as masking tape, to articles or areas that could be damaged or stained by work processes. Erect scaffolding. Fill cracks or breaks in surfaces of plaster articles or areas with putty or epoxy compounds.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:

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- At least 03 months experience
- Knowledge in painting works.

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DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:
Review, evaluate, and analyze work environments and design programs and procedures to control, eliminate, and prevent disease or injury caused by chemical, physical, and biological agents or ergonomic factors. May conduct inspections and enforce adherence to laws and regulations governing the health and safety of individuals. Perform other related duties as assigned.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:
Associate degree in related field required.
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DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:
Perform general cleaning duties of buildings or properties. Paint or repair roofs, windows, doors, floors, woodwork, plaster, drywall, or other parts of building structures. Provide ground keeping services, such as landscaping. Able to do light carpentry, plumbing and electrical work to repair structures, repair water leaks or damaged piping, and repair and/or replace electrical fixtures.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:
High school diploma required.
At least 2 years experience as Maintenance and Repair Worker is required.

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QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be familiar with different types of Kitchen Equipment in a Japanese Cuisine
- Must have 3 months experience in Japanese Food Preparation
- Must be a High School Graduate or Equivalence

INTERESTED APPLICANTS:

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QUALIFICATIONS:

- High school graduate or equivalence
- Must have 12 months experience in cooking Japanese variety of foods;
- Must be familiar with different Japanese Kitchen Equipment.

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Revived Judge hits 20th HR, Yanks top Rangers



NEW YORK
(AP)—Aaron Judge's bat has gotten loud again.

His power ebbed for much of a season interrupted by a strained oblique, Judge has resumed his familiar role as a force in the Yankees' batting order. His go-ahead, two-run homer in the third inning started New York to a 4-1 win over the Texas Rangers on Wednesday night that lifted the Yankees 43 games over .500 for the first time since 2009.

It was just Judge's 20th this season, well off his standard. Gleyber Torres added his 34th home run, tying Gary Sánchez for the lead on a team that has hit 263, second to Minnesota. Sánchez thinks Judge can still reach 30 during New York's final 21 games.

"That's the goal," Judge said. "So I'm going to have to keep chasing him, him and Gleyber. I've got to find what they're eating over there, man. They're not sharing with me."

Judge started the season with five homers and 11 RBIs in his first 20 games, then strained his right oblique April 20 while singling against Kansas City and did not return until June 21. He hit .256 with seven homers and 22 RBIs in his first 49 games. Day after day, Judge said he felt fine and was merely hitting the ball at people, though drives that usually soared over fences were caught on the warning track.

"I actually think he was swinging the bat the first probably three, four weeks as good as he has all year," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said of Judge's return. "I still think he's going to continue to swing it even better and get into a better place, especially as these games get more important."

Judge's revival started Aug. 20 with 467-foot home run to left at Oakland off Joakim Soria, Judge's first pulled home run this season. He homered in all three games that weekend at Dodger Stadium and starting with the West Coast trip opener at the Athletics, he is hitting .317 with eight homers and 12 RBIs in 15 games, leaving him with a .275 average and 45 RBIs.

"If I'm on another team where you're the main guy that's supposed to be kind of driving the team and you're not getting hits, that kind of weighs on you," he said before reeling off many of the Yankees' sluggers as a counterpoint. "That kind of gets it off your mind."

Judge was a unanimous 2017 AL Rookie of the Year after hitting 52 homers with 115 RBIs. His 2018 season was interrupted when his right



wrist was broken by a pitch from the Royals' Jakob Junis on July 26, an injury that sidelined him until Sept. 14 and limited him to 27 homers and 67 RBIs for the season.

Red Sox 6, Twins 2

In Boston, Mookie Betts homered on the first two pitches he saw, collecting four hits and five RBIs in all, and Eduardo Rodríguez allowed only five singles in seven shutout innings to help the Red Sox beat

Minnesota.

The Red Sox won for the 12th time in 17 games and remained 5½ back in the race for the second AL wild card. The AL Central-leading Twins, who had won seven of eight, fell to 5½ games ahead of second-place Cleveland in the division.

Betts homered into the first row of the Green Monster seats on the first pitch of the game from José Berríos (11-8), then sent one out of the

ballpark with two on in the second to make it 4-0.

Giants 9, Cardinals 8

In St. Louis, Kevin Pillar had four hits, including a go-ahead, two-run homer in the eighth inning, and San Francisco rallied to cool off the Cardinals.

Brandon Crawford and Mike Yastrzemski also homered for the Giants, who snapped a four-game losing streak. Pillar had three

RBIs, including his homer off Giovanny Gallegos (3-2).

Paul Goldschmidt drove in four runs and Paul DeJong homered for the Cardinals, who lost for just the fourth time in 18 games.

Indians 8, White Sox 6

In Cleveland, Shane Bieber struck out nine over seven innings to snap a three-game losing streak, and Frammil Reyes hit a two-run homer as the Indians beat Chicago.

AP
New York Yankees' Aaron Judge hits a two-run home run during the third inning of the team's baseball game against the Texas Rangers, Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2019, in New York.

Bieber (13-7), the All-Star Game MVP, allowed two runs and six hits in winning for the first time in five starts since Aug. 9. The right-hander also earned his first victory over the White Sox in three outings this season.

The Indians are in a tight race with Oakland and Tampa Bay for the second AL wild card.

Mets 8, Nationals 4

In Washington, Justin Wilson and the Mets' bullpen held on this time, rookie Pete Alonso hit his major league-leading 45th home run and New York bounced back from a brutal loss to stop the Nationals.

A day after a trio of Mets relievers was tagged for seven runs in the bottom of the ninth inning in an 11-10 loss to the Nationals, three pitchers combined to close with 3 1/3 scoreless innings.

After Wilson issued a two-out walk to Kurt Suzuki, whose three-run homer won it Tuesday night, Victor Robles followed with an easy ground-er to Amed Rosario. The shortstop tagged second base for the last out, then zipped a relay to first, as if to make sure the Mets really nailed it down.

Royals 5, Tigers 4

In Kansas City, Jorge Soler extended his team record with his 40th homer, Hunter Dozier and Alex Gordon had three hits each, and the Royals beat Detroit.

The Royals are the last team in major league history to have a player hit 40 home runs in a season. Previously, Mike Moustakas held the club record with 38 in 2017.

Jakob Junis (9-12) gave up four runs and seven hits over seven innings. Ian Kennedy pitched the ninth for his 26th save in 30 chances.

Pirates 6, Marlins 5

In Pittsburgh, Bryan Reynolds' two-run bloop single capped a three-run ninth inning as Pittsburgh rallied past Miami.

Elias Diaz started the winning rally with a leadoff homer against Jose Urena (4-8) that drew the Pirates within a run. Pinch-hitter Kevin Krammer walked and went to third on Adam Frazier's double before Reynolds flared a single into left-center to give the Pirates their fifth win in six games.

Garrett Cooper's two-run homer off Kyle Crick with two outs in the seventh put the Marlins ahead 5-3.

Lorenzen earns feat not seen since Babe Ruth

CINCINNATI (AP)—With a homer, a win and an appearance in the outfield, Michael Lorenzen pulled off a feat last accomplished by The Babe. Cincinnati's versatile reliever also blocked the Phillies from gaining ground in the playoff chase.

That last part stung the most for Philadelphia.

Lorenzen hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning Wednesday night as the Reds pulled away to an 8-5 victory. He got his first win and first homer of the season. He also finished the game playing center field.

The last player to get a victory, hit a homer and play outfield in the same game was Babe Ruth for the Yankees on June 13, 1921, according to STATS.

"That's pretty exciting," said Lorenzen, who has seven career homers. "I'm going to have to look into what Babe Ruth would be making

today and sit down with (the front office). It's one of those funny little baseball stats. I'm definitely honored to be part of that. It's cool to be part of a Babe Ruth stat."

The Phillies had their three-game winning streak snapped. They also slipped to three games behind the idle Cubs for the final NL wild card. Chicago begins a four-game series in Milwaukee on Thursday.

"Right now we're in the race, and it stings a little bit," said starter Aaron Nola, who lasted only four innings.

Joey Votto homered and had an RBI double off Nola as Cincinnati surged ahead 5-0, but the Phillies' resurgent offense caught up. Logan Morrison and J.T. Realmuto had two-run homers off Trevor Bauer, who has only one victory since coming to Cincinnati in a trade with Cleveland.

Jay Bruce tied it with his third career pinch-hit homer in the seventh off Lorenzen (1-4), rounding the bases to a "BRUUUCE" chant from the crowd of 13,448. Bruce played more than eight seasons in Cincinnati and has 137 homers at Great American Ball Park, second only to Votto.

Jose Iglesias connected for his first career pinch-hit homer off Jose Alvarez (3-4) in the bottom of the inning to break the tie. Lorenzen connected off Blake Parker in the eighth, then moved to center field with Raisel Iglesias pitching the ninth for his 29th save in 34 chances.

"I told him I underestimated his ability," Reds manager David Bell said. "I've never seen anything like it. To have the athletic ability to do something like that is something I have to get used to."

Nola fanned six in four in-

Nadal beats Schwartzman to reach semis

NEW YORK (AP)—Rafael Nadal kept pulling away in his U.S. Open quarterfinal, then getting reeled back in by Diego Schwartzman.

In the first set, Nadal led 4-0 before Schwartzman got to 4-all. In the second, Nadal went up 5-1 before Schwartzman made it 5-all.

Took more than two hours just for those two sets. Eventually, both were claimed by Nadal. And so, ultimately, was the match and a berth in a 33rd Grand Slam semifinal for Nadal, who prevented Schwartzman from reaching his first by winning 6-4, 7-5, 6-2 after 12:30 a.m. Thursday in Arthur Ashe Stadium.

“Like a lion in the ... jungle. He’s big. He’s a fighter. He knows how to play the important moments, every single time,” Schwartzman said. “I’ve played him eight times and every important moment, he played better than me.”

No wonder Nadal is 8-0 against the guy.

Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic are both out of the bracket, but Nadal is still around, meaning at least one member of the Big Three is in the semis at a 62nd consecutive major tournament. That trio has combined to win the last 11 Slam trophies—and Nadal is going to be heavily favored to make that 12.

None of the other men left has played in a major final, let alone won one. Nadal, though, is closing in on a fourth championship at the U.S. Open and his 19th at all majors, which would move him within only one of Federer’s record for men.

On Friday, Nadal will play No. 24 Matteo Berrettini, a 23-year-old from Rome who is Italy’s first male semifinalist in New York since 1977. Berrettini barely got there, edging No. 13 Gael Monfils 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, 3-6, 7-6 (5) on Wednesday.

The other men’s semifinal will be No. 5 Daniil Medvedev of Russia vs. 78th-ranked Grigor Dimitrov of Bulgaria.

In the women’s semifinals Thursday, Serena Williams meets No. 5

Elina Svitolina of Ukraine, and No. 13 Belinda Bencic of Switzerland takes on No. 15 Bianca Andreescu of Canada.

Dimitrov won a five-setter Tuesday night against Federer, who was hampered by an issue with his upper back. Medvedev won his quarterfinal in four sets against Stan Wawrinka, who had built a big lead in the fourth round against Djokovic when the defending champion stopped because of pain in his left shoulder.

A year ago, it was Nadal whose body broke down: He retired from his semifinal against runner-up Juan Martin del Potro because of a bad knee.

This time, on a muggy night with the humidity above 50%, the left-hander raised some concern by having a trainer come out to rub a cream into that forearm during a changeover early in the third set. At the next changeover, Nadal flexed his right forearm and was visited again by the trainer, took a salt pill and guzzled some drinks, then shook that arm between points in the following game.

Afterward, Nadal said he had dealt with cramps late in the second set and early in the third.

“And then I took some salt, that’s all, and then it was over. The body is in good shape, I think. Not big problems,” Nadal said. “Just, of course, a little tired. Long day.”

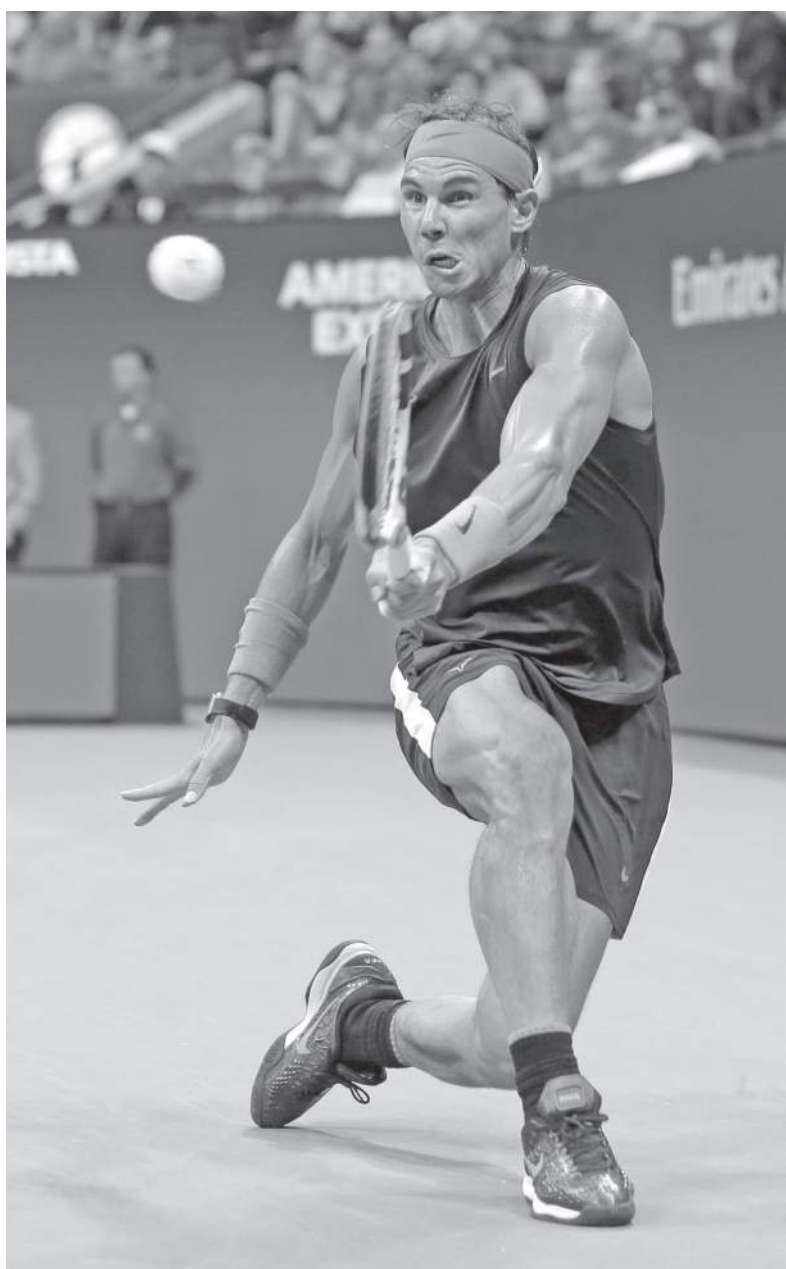
Still, Nadal managed to play his best when it mattered the most against the 20th-seeded Schwartzman, an Argentine serenaded by loud choruses of “Olé! Olé! Olé! Olé!” by an audience that included former San Antonio Spurs star Manu Ginobili.

Nadal came up with a service break in the last game of each of the opening two sets, then the last one he would need made it 4-2 in the third and he broke yet again to end it.

“I don’t know how,” Schwartzman said, “but this guy is improving every time.”

Now Nadal becomes Berrettini’s problem.

Berrettini describes his mental coach as a big help and a best friend.



Rafael Nadal of Spain returns a shot from Diego Schwartzman of Argentina during the quarterfinals of the U.S. Open tennis tournament Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2019, in New York.

They’ve been speaking on the phone before and after every match. And they certainly had plenty to chat about when it came to this latest victory.

Berrettini double-faulted away his initial match point and then needed four more to finally put away Monfils after nearly four hours.

“He told me, ‘I need to thank you,

because I thought that everyone is born once and dies once. But during that match, I was born and died 15 or 16 times,” Berrettini said about his conversation with the mental coach he’s worked with for several years. “I collapsed and got back up. I collapsed and got back up. That match point. Those other chances. I was

down then I came back. It’s a great source of pride for me.”

In truth, the denouement was hardly a thing of beauty, with both men, clearly spent, fighting themselves and the tension of the moment as much as the guy on the other side of the net.

Monfils finished with 17 double-faults but managed to avoid any throughout the entire, exhausting fifth set until he served at 6-5 — and then he had three in that game, plus another two in the deciding tie-breaker, often doubling over between points to rest and catch his breath.

“A very bad day for me, serving,” Monfils said.

Berrettini acknowledged the obvious afterward, too, saying he felt “a little bit tight.”

You think?

It all was a bit of a whirl.

“Right now, I don’t remember any points, just the (last) match point, you know?” he said. “I remember also the double-fault; I have to be honest.”

Meanwhile, Basketball Hall of Famer Steve Nash tweeted about her. So did WNBA player Kia Nurse.

Canada is crazy for Bianca Andreescu.

“It’s really cool having other Canadian athletes shout me out like that,” Andreescu said. “I think it gives me extra motivation to just keep striving and keep doing well.”

She’s been doing great all year and is two wins from punctuating her season by winning her first Grand Slam title. The No. 15 seed reached the U.S. Open semifinals by overcoming No. 25 Elise Mertens 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

The 19-year-old is 31-4 this season, with titles at Indian Wells and Toronto. Now she is the youngest semifinalist at Flushing Meadows since Caroline Wozniacki was also 19 when she was the runner-up in 2009.

She’s also two wins from Canada’s first Grand Slam singles champion.

“If it happens, then I think I can pave way for many other athletes, the next generation,” Andreescu said, “not only for Canadian tennis, but I think for many people.”

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Cowboys, Elliott agree on \$90 million deal



FRISCO, Texas (AP)—Ezekiel Elliott was finishing the early stretching at the first practice since ending his long holdout with the Dallas Cowboys when the star running back was called to the front of the group.

Cheers rose from teammates Wednesday before Elliott led a brief set of jumping jacks to get the workout moving again.

The two-time NFL rushing champion is back with the Cowboys thanks to a new \$90 million, six-year extension that makes Elliott the highest-paid player at his position — and just in time for the regular season. Dallas hosts the New York Giants on Sunday.

“It was really hard. Super hard,” Elliott said of an absence that was in its 41st day, covering all of training camp and the preseason, when the final breakthrough came before dawn the day of the most important practice so far leading to the opener for the defending NFC East champs.

Elliott said the support from teammates on display for reporters was the same thing he was getting behind the scenes since the Cowboys flew to California for camp without him July 25.

“Calls, texts,” Elliott said. “I mean, one of my teammates told me don’t come back without a deal. I mean, just support like that from this group of



Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott pushes off Los Angeles Rams inside linebacker Cory Littleton during the first half of an NFL divisional football playoff game Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019, in Los Angeles. AP

guys meant everything. It definitely would have been harder if things were the opposite.”

Elliott will get \$50 million guaranteed. The \$15 million-per-year average on the extension surpasses the \$14.4 million Todd Gurley got from the Los Angeles Rams last summer. Gurley’s guarantee was

\$45 million.

The stalemate with the two-time Pro Bowler came with the Cowboys holding high expectations coming off their first playoff win with Elliott and quarterback Dak Prescott. They have won two NFC East titles in three seasons together.

“Guys were just excited to

see him,” center Travis Frederick said. “It was less about, ‘Thank God you’re here, thank God you got your deal done’ and more about, ‘Man, I’ve missed you. I haven’t seen you in a month.’”

“Like one of your brothers has shipped off to do a semester abroad and then all of a

sudden comes back. It’s just a good, reuniting feeling.”

Elliott held out with two years left on his rookie contract, at \$3.9 million this season and \$9.1 million in 2020. The fourth overall pick in the 2016 draft wanted to be the highest-paid back after getting those two rushing titles in only

three years.

Now the 24-year-old is, with a contract that totals \$103 million over eight seasons.

“I’m \$100 million lighter as of this morning,” owner Jerry Jones said on CNBC in New York, where he and his son, executive vice president Stephen Jones, rang the opening bell at the New York Stock Exchange. “Zeke has been arguably our best player. We’re glad to get him booked in.”

Even when he was suspended for six games over domestic violence allegations in 2017, Elliott still had the best per-game rushing average in the league. He’s the fifth back since the 1970 merger to win at least two rushing titles his first three seasons.

But the off-field issues were part of the backdrop as the impasse dragged on, although Jerry Jones, also the team’s general manager, said more than once he didn’t consider Elliott’s personal problems to be factors for a new contract.

Jones jokingly said “Zeke who?” in response to a question from a reporter after a second straight solid preseason showing from rookie fourth-round pick Tony Pollard in Hawaii. Pollard would have started against the Giants if Elliott hadn’t signed.

A few days later, though, Jones sternly said he had earned the right to joke about Elliott after the 2016 All-Pro’s representatives took offense to the remark.

SHANGHAI (AP)—The United States does not have the best team at this FIBA World Cup. This is not a new thing.

It’s just more evident now. The Americans’ edge in recent tournaments has been that they always had the best players on the court. That’s not the case in this World Cup. The best player in the tournament is NBA MVP Giannis Antetokounmpo, who plays for Greece, a team that is likely waiting for the U.S. this weekend. All-NBA First-Teamer Nikola Jokic plays for Serbia. Two-time reigning Defensive Player of the Year Rudy Gobert plays for France.

That puts even more emphasis on teamwork.

From the early days of this team’s training camp in Las Vegas last month, coach Gregg Popovich hasn’t been showing highlights of how exceptional talent on recent U.S. teams—the likes of Kobe Bryant, LeBron James, Kevin Durant, Carmelo Anthony and Dwyane Wade—could put on the sort of dazzling shows typically reserved for All-Star Games. Instead, he’s been showing the games that the U.S. had

Team USA isn’t the best squad at FIBA World Cup—yet

to grind out, as if he knew daunting tests were coming.

But even those glitzy U.S. teams, gold medalists from the last two World Cups and last three Olympics, weren’t great “teams.”

They just had the best talent in the world, got along and made it work.

Teams—in an ideal scenario—are put together over time, forged through bonds that sometimes take years. Serbia has six players here who were on its Olympic team three years ago and six returnees from the last World Cup team in 2014. Spain has five players back from the Olympics. Turkey’s roster still has holdovers from the group that went to the World Cup final nine years ago.

“Execution-wise, we’re not there yet,” Popovich said.

That’s reality, though it’s certainly not an excuse for nearly losing to Turkey on Tuesday night. Ersan Ilyasova, Cedi Osman and Furkan Korkmaz — players with a combined zero NBA All-Star appearances, players with a combined NBA scoring aver-

age of 10 points per game—were pretty much doing whatever they wanted, but Turkey let the U.S. off the hook in a 93-92 overtime final.

Put simply, Turkey choked.

And that’s what it took for the U.S., the world’s No. 1-ranked program, and the three-time defending Olympic champions and two-time defending World Cup champions, to win a game over a squad that isn’t even ranked among the top 10 in Europe.

“Every game we learn something new about our group and what we have to do and how we have to play,” Popovich said. “We already know how good the other teams are, so our respect is there for that, and that goes without saying. But, we still have to use every game kind of like a practice in a sense to try to get better in so many ways.”

Puerto Rico 67, Tunisia 64

Puerto Rico couldn’t even begin qualifying for this World Cup at home two years ago, forced to move its opening

game to Florida because of the damage that Hurricane Maria inflicted on the island.

It was undeterred then.

It is in the World Cup’s second round now.

Gary Browne’s 3-pointer with 5.1 seconds left capped a 15-4 run to end the game, and Puerto Rico beat Tunisia in a contest that decided the second spot in the second round out of Group C in Guangzhou, China. The win ensures that Puerto Rico (2-1) will have its best World Cup finish since at least 2002, and earned the team a second-round opener in Wuhan, China, on Friday.

Serbia 92, Italy 77

At Foshan, Bogdan Bogdanovic finished with 31 points, five rebounds and five assists to lead powerful Serbia past Italy and a perfect 3-0 record in Group D.

Serbia outscored Italy 13-4 to take a 13-point lead into the fourth quarter, and then a 20-5 run in the fourth sealed the win. Nikola Jokic scored 15 points for the winners,

who outscored three opponents in group play by a combined 120 points.

Venezuela 72, China 59

At Beijing, Venezuela eliminated the host nation from second-round contention — and earned a berth out of Group A into the round of 16 for itself.

Heissler Guillent scored 15 points for Venezuela (2-1).

Spain 73, Iran 65

At Guangzhou, Spain finished the game on a 16-3 run to hold off upset-minded Iran.

Spain (3-0 in Group C) trailed 62-57 with 6 minutes left before rallying. Marc Gasol led Spain with 16 points, Juan Hernangomez had 11 points and 10 rebounds and Victor Claver added 11 for the winners.

Argentina 69, Russia 61

At Wuhan, Argentina held off Russia to finish 3-0 in Group B.

Facundo Campazzo’s floater with 28.4 seconds left helped seal things for Argentina and was part of his 21-point, six-rebound,

seven-assist effort.

Marcos Delia and Luis Scola each scored 13 for Argentina.

Poland 80, Ivory Coast 63

At Beijing, Poland finished off an unbeaten march through Group A with its win over Ivory Coast, behind 16 points from Adam Waczynski on 6 for 7 shooting.

Poland plays the Russia-Argentina loser on Friday in a second-round opener at Foshan.

Angola 84, Philippines 81, OT

At Foshan, Angola got its first win of this World Cup, hanging on despite wasting a 12-point lead in the final 8:20 of regulation.

Valdelicio Joaquim scored 20 points and Yanick Moreira had 12 points and 15 rebounds for Angola (1-2 in Group D).

Nigeria 108, South Korea 66

At Wuhan, Nigeria avoided a winless stint in Group B by easing past South Korea.

Michael Eric scored 17 and Ike Diogu finished with 16 for Nigeria (1-2). Guna Ra scored 18 for South Korea (0-3).

Howard eager to make most of second chance with Lakers

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Dwight Howard says he is returning to the Los Angeles Lakers with a new outlook on basketball and his place in it.

The veteran center hopes the Lakers fans—and a couple of retired Lakers superstars—who learned to loathe the old Dwight over the past six years will give him another chance.

Howard called it “a very big blessing” Wednesday to re-sign with the Lakers, who chose him as the improbable replacement for injured center DeMarcus Cousins.

The 33-year-old Howard spent the eventful 2012-13 season with the Lakers before abruptly leaving as a free agent. After six up-and-down seasons away from LA and a self-described difficult off-season in his personal life, Howard is energized by the chance to team up with LeBron James and Anthony Davis in a familiar jersey.

“Not too often in life do you get second chances,” Howard said on a conference call in his first public comments about the reunion. “This is an awesome experience. I’m just looking forward to being the best teammate, the best person in the community I can



be. ... Six years ago doesn’t seem like a long time, but a lot of things have happened. I’m just excited.”

Howard realizes that some Lakers fans may be less excit-

ed: He has been booed every time he stepped foot in Staples Center over the past six years—even by Clippers fans. He hopes everyone will recognize he’s ready to repair his rela-

tionship with Los Angeles.

“I never had any ill will toward the fans in LA,” Howard said. “I loved this city from the moment I started playing here. ... It was just a decision I made.

^{AP}
Los Angeles Lakers center Dwight Howard, right, is defended by Los Angeles Clippers’ DeAndre Jordan during the first half of an NBA game, Friday, April 26, 2013, in Los Angeles.

I love this city. I loved playing in LA. None of that stuff even matters to me anymore. I think we all have a fresh start. I’m big on new beginnings, and this is the time to start up a new time. I’m just looking forward to having a fresh start with the fans and show them my only dedication is to put another banner up here in Los Angeles.”

Howard also said he is eager to go back to work after a rough 12 months in his personal life. He hasn’t played a game since November after getting injured early in his only season with Washington, and he didn’t go into detail about off-court problems he has previously described as “rock bottom.”

“It was just stuff in my personal life,” Howard said. “Mentally, physically and spiritually. It had nothing to do with me as a basketball player or anything like that. It was just personal things that I had to deal with which made me stronger.”

Howard said he has repaired his mental state through meditation, reading and introspection. That might be why he didn’t seem to be bothered by the criticism he received online last week from Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O’Neal. The Lakers greats had a brief disagreement on social media before they united in publicly making fun of Howard, who clashed with the businesslike Bryant during their season together in LA.

“Shaq and Kobe are some of the greatest players ever to play this game,” Howard said. “I have nothing but love and respect for those guys and what they’ve been able to accomplish. ... My job is to come here and help this team win. It’s not to get into any fights or arguments with Shaq or Kobe or anybody. I won’t let anything distract me from winning a championship.”

Howard wasn’t the Lakers’ first choice to play alongside JaVale McGee and Davis at center, but he won over both big men and team leader Rajon Rondo while trying out for the Lakers’ top brass last month. Howard said he vowed to be a supportive teammate dedicated to team goals, but he realizes public declarations are cheap.

Ada Gym repairs could take another week

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The Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium is still undergoing minor renovations and re-opening of the facility could take another week, according to Oleai Sports Complex program coordinator Elias Rangamar.

Rangamar said that currently, events and leagues could not utilize the gym be-

cause the minor repairs that were supposed to be done last week, have yet to be completed. Rangamar added that he hopes repair work will finish by next week.

“We can’t hold anything at the Ada Gym because it’s not ready yet. I’m hoping next week we can start (hosting leagues) in here when the floor and the lights are done,” he said.

Rangamar said that basket-

ball and volleyball leagues have already been scheduled for September and will begin once the facility repairs are completed. If anyone wants to book the Ada Gym for practices or leagues, organizers are free to contact him at 234-6672.

Rangamar added that the Francisco “Tan Ko” Palacios Ballfield is already in use and there are games every Saturday.

The track and field are also

open to the community for rugby, soccer, or for those who want to walk, jog, or run the track.

The major repair for the facilities at the sports complex will start once funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency is made available. For now, Rangamar and the Oleai Sports Complex staff are opening some of the facilities to host local events, including school leagues.

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of two years, but only two months ago have I really dedicated my time and efforts in preparation for this tournament. I am confident in the skills I’ve gained in this short time. However, I am not overlooking the fact that my competitors most likely have been practicing much longer. With that being said, I am going into the competition with a determined mindset to practice the skills we’ve learned as efficiently as I can,” she said.

Itibus will be joined in the Asian Open by the father-and-son pair of Cuki and Shane Alvarez, Vicente Masga, Paulo Sangalang, and Mark Nuique. Also on the Trench Tech delegation for the Sept. 13 to 15 tournament are team manager Mari Alvarez, coaching staff Ken Tanzawa, and training



Shane Alvarez, top, and his father, Cuki, demonstrate some Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu techniques during a session at the Trench Tech Gym last week.

partner Jeff Garcia.

“It definitely helps to have a coach who practices what he preaches and who believes in each of us. When I first started BJJ, Professor Cuki was a purple belt and to see him promote from one belt to the next definitely proves to each of us

that there is no excuse, whether it’s work, time restraints, or even age to hold us back from achieving a goal. Anyone who practices BJJ knows that belt promotions are not easily earned, especially as you climb up the ladder, so I think it proves a lot to his credentials as our

dojo’s black belt,” Itibus added.

Trench Tech’s participation in the Asian Open is backed by the Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan Apparel, Saipan Skydive, Black Wood Saipan, FISG, Saipan Crew Boats, IT&E, Capt. John H.B. Salas, and lawyer Jose Mafnas Jr.

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Darius has more UFC fights than Camacho and holds a 10-4-1 win-draw-loss mark in the American MMA promotion company-organized bouts and 16-4-1 overall.

Darius, who will face Camacho in a lightweight bout, has won his last two fights. Incidentally, the American topped Dober on UFC Fight Night 146 in Kansas in March this year, with Darius

winning via submission (arm bar) at the 4:41 mark of Round 2. The 30-year-old’s other victory was against Brazil’s Tiago Moises via unanimous decision during the UFC Fight night 139 in Colorado late last year.

Camacho’s opponent once held a five-game winning streak in UFC and also prevailed in his first seven fights, including his debut in UFC in January 2014 where he defeated Charlie Brenneman of Pennsylvania via submission (rear-naked choke) in UFC Fight Night 35.

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teams because that’s were the national squads will come from and represent the NMI in AFC tournaments,” the FAM head said.

The U16 crew is the fourth group that will compete off-island for the Commonwealth this year. Last month, the island’s girls U15 team played in the 2019 East Asian Football Federation U15 Girls Festival in South Korea, while in July, the national girls U19 and men’s U19/U23 squads challenged Guam in the 2019 Marianas Cup. The men’s U19 will also see action in the AFC U19 Championship 2020 Qualifiers in Cambodia in November.

Locally, NMIFA will have the competitive (girls U16, boys U15, boys U18, and co-ed U13) and non-competitive games in

the fall league season, which will start next weekend.

“There are consistent football activities in the NMI and that’s something special for the development of the sport here,” Jaleel.

The visitor also lauded the NMI Soccer Training Center that was built just last year.

“It was so impressive to see the ground. A great facility is very important to the development of the program,” the FAM president, adding that the CNMI and Maldives share similarities, as far as the challenges they face in growing the sport.

“Maldives like the NMI is a small island with a small population. The land in Maldives is scarce that we don’t have a lot of football pitches. However, we persevere and continue to play the sport we love, just like what the NMI is doing despite its limitations,” Jaleel said.



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Itibus urges women to try BJJ

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In an island where female Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu practitioners are scarce, Lo Itibus hopes to encourage more women to practice the art as it has multiple benefits.

Itibus been training for her BJJ debut, as she will be representing the CNMI to the Asian International BJJ Federation Jiu-Jitsu Championships in Japan next week. She is the lone female BJJ practitioner on the squad leaving for the tournament dubbed as the Asian Open and she hopes she can influence other women to take up the sport, too.

The Trench Tech standout said that BJJ does not only al-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Lo Itibus, left, is the lone female Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu practitioner that will represent the CNMI to the Asian Open in Japan next week.



low one to have an intensive workout routine, but also empowers women in this day and age when danger could just be lurking around any corner.

"I really do hope that my participation in the competition does influence more females to practice BJJ. Aside from it being a killer workout, it also promotes self-defense and self-discipline, and it really is a very humbling sport. It does not only give you the benefit of taking care of your body and health, but helps you know that you do have some sort of self-defense experience should you ever need it," Itibus said.

Itibus has been a BJJ practitioner for about two years and credits her mentor, Cuki Alvarez, for motivating her to strive for success.

"I've been inconsistently practicing BJJ over a span

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NMI youth, women's soccer programs lauded

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Football Association of Maldives president Bassam Adeel Jaleel expressed his admiration to the development of the sport in the CNMI, particularly its youth and women's programs.

Jaleel arrived on island last Wednesday to meet with Northern Mariana Islands Football Association officials and assist the group, as

its seeks ordinary membership from the Asian Football Confederation.

Also here to make sure NMIFA meets the requirements for its application for membership is AFC International Relations Officer Purushottam Kattel.

"It's pretty amazing to see the development of football in such a small island like the NMI. I very much admire its program for the



youth and women players," said Jaleel, who also attended the send-off ceremony last Wednesday at Kanoa Resort for the CNMI Boys U16 National Team that will be playing in the Asian Football Confederation U16 Championship 2020 Qualifiers in Jakarta this month.

"I hope NMIFA will continue to focus its resources in the development of youth

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From left, AFC International Relations Officer Purushottam Kattel, Football Association of Maldives president Bassam Adeel Jaleel, and Northern Marianas Islands Football Association president Jerry Tan pose for a photo at the NMIFA Office in Koberville after a meeting last Wednesday.

'Crank' gets second UFC fight for 2019



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Frank "The Crank" Camacho hits Jingliang Li during their bout in UFC Fight Night 111 in Singapore in 2017. Camacho will return to Singapore to face California's Beneil "Benny" Dariush.

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After an impressive victory in his first fight of the year, Frank "The Crank" Camacho will climb back on the octagon cage, as he squares off against Beneil "Benny" Dariush in UFC Fight Night 161 in Singapore next month.

The Marianas pride will duel the California fighter in one of the 13 events in the fight card that will feature the U.S.-Brazil showdown be-

tween Ben Askren and Demian Maia on Oct. 27 at the Singapore Indoor Stadium in Kallang. Camacho will challenge Dariush after whipping Germany's Nick "Sergeant" Hein in the UFC Fight Night 153 in Stockholm, Sweden in June.

The 30-year-old earned a TKO win over Hein at the 4:56 mark of the five-minute second round for win No. 22 and a big comeback from a KO loss to Geoff Neal in UFC



228 in September last year. Overall, Camacho will have his sixth UFC fight and he will be gunning for his third victory. The Team Oyama fighter's other triumph was against Damien Brown during the UFC Fight Night 121 in Australia in November 2017, while his defeats were at the hands of Drew Dober in UFC on Fox 27 in January last year and Jingliang Li on UFC Fight Night 111.

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